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# TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME: WED 12 JUNE 1844 approx 12:30 pm LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map): ST ALBANS, HOLLAND LANDING (SW-NE)

3. PATH LENGTH: [✓] NOT KNOWN [ ] <1 mi; [ ] 1-4 mi; [ ] 5-10 mi; [ ] 11-50 mi; [ ] LENGTH IF >50 mi

4. PATH WIDTH: 110 YARDS  5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? [ ] YES; [ ] NO; [✓] UNKNOWN:

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION? [ ] YES; [ ] NO; [✓] UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND? [ ] YES; [ ] NO; [✓] UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA (Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.): several people struck (but not killed) by lightning.

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ U  11. TOTAL DEATHS: none

12. TOTAL INJURED: none  13. TOTAL HOMELESS: unknown

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

Extract from letter from JOHN McMASTERS to WALTER SUMMERS, 40 MILE CREEK, GRIMSBY, dated June 26, 1844, St Alban's, Holland Landing

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

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(b) "The wind blowing so violently as to tear up trees by the roots, break off others from 10 to 20 feet from the roots. It was about 110 yards wide and took ..... that is a north-east course felling trees of every size. There are some places where there are 5 or 6 acres where the timber stood very thick, that there is not as much as one tree standing. I .... describe it to you it looks as if a man had clopped every one of them down without cutting the branches off. Some places they are piled up to a great height. Some houses and barns blown down. As I stood in the door I could see and hear the trees break off as quick as a thought, just like one continual discharge of firearms.


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Muskoka Beach
Port Sydney
Bigwin
Dorset
Baysville
Fraserburg
Huntsville
Port Carling
Ufford
Beaumaris
Milford Bay
Windermere
Rosseau
Uffington
Vankoughnet
Barkway
Houseys Rapids
Kilworthy
Sparrow Lake
Kahshe Lake
Port Stanton
Severn Bridge
Washago
Orillia
Uptergrove
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Gamebridge
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Brown Hill
Zephyr
Leaskdale
Saintfield
Blackwater
Seagrave
Uxbridge
Greenbank
Port Perry
Sandford
Queensville
Holt
Mount Albert
Sharon
Holland Landing
Newmarket
Aurora
Vandorf
Preston Lake
Wilcox Lake
Oak Ridges
King City
Jefferson
Richmond Hill
Elgin Mills
Maple
Richvale
Markham
Unionville
Milliken
Ajax
Bay Ridges
Pickering Village
Whitby
Green River
Brougham
Greenwood
Claremont
Stouffville
Ringwood
Goodwood
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Horseshoe Lake
Uffington
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Walkers Point
West Gravenhurst
Severn Falls
Swift Rapids
Kilworthy
Sparrow Lake
Port Stanton
Buena Vista Park
Cumberland Beach
Ardtrea
Warminster
Bass Lake
Happyland
Geneva Park
Floral Park
Longford
Sebright
Lake Dalrymple
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NOTE:
The Regional Municipalities of Durham, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo, and York are subdivided into cities and towns of greater area than exist elsewhere. This area of the Province delimited by is portrayed in greater detail in the SOUTH-CENTRAL ONTARIO enlargement, at right.
Niagara-on-the-Lake
St. Catharines
Youngstown
Lewiston
Niagara Falls
Thorold
Welland
Port Colborne
Fort Erie
Grimsby Beach
Port Dalhousie
Vineland
Jordan
Jordan Sta.
Queenston
St. Davids
Chippawa
Grandyle
Black Creek
Douglas Town
Cooks Mills
Snyder
Stevensville
Gasline
Ridgeway
Crystal Beach
Thunder Bay
Erie Beach
Crescent Park
Point Abino
Athol Springs
Lowbanks
Long Beach
Burnaby
Morgans Point
Elephant Beach
Markham
Steeles Ave.
Bronte Creek (NC)
Whitby
Oshawa
Ross and Rd. E.
Rosland Rd. W.
Stevenson Rd. N.
Thornton Rd. N.
Simcoe St. N.
Mary St.
Ritson Rd. N.
Wilson Rd. N.
Harmony Rd.
Grandview St. N.
Adelaide Ave.
Bond St.
King St. West
Gibb St.
Olive Ave.
Dean Ave.
Bloor St.
Wentworth St. E.
Wentworth St. W.
Phillip Murray Ave.
Cedar St.
Harbour Rd.
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Arthur
Holley
Brockport
Spencerport
Drayton
Alma
Goldstone
Salem
Glen Allan
Dorking
Floradale
Maden
Yatton
Elmira
Wallenstein
Newton
Linwood
Hawkesville
West Montrose
Winte
Conestogo
Crosshill
St. Clements
St. Jacobs
Heidelberg
Bamberg
Wellesley

ST.ALBANS. HOLLAND LANDING

26TH.June 1844.

Dear Walter STORM DATE JUNE 12, 1844 (?)

Allow me to intimate to you in the most delicate manner in the world,that I have got the "BLUES"as bad as any poor unfortunate devil ever had.Here I have been this last 2 weeks with nothing to amuse me . There is no Society here either Black or White all the company I have is the devilish Mosquitoes.they are here as large as the Yankee piece of chalk. I am in danger of being run off with by them,a stranger would suppose by the way they prick a fellow that they did not much care whether they hurt or not.it beats thunder.

I have not been from home but once since I came here and that was to Newmarket.the first Sunday I was here.I went to here a Mr.Street. the Episcopalian Minister there who announced himself on his arrival as a Messenger or Ambassador from the Courts of Heaven,and a poor fist he makes of it.I am ashamed to say he is a disgrace to the Cloth he is like "Patt McGees wife".I took solid comfort last Sunday in Bed,almost too lazy to get up at meal time.

On Wednesday week we had one of the most frightful Storms I ever witnessed here.It commenced first by thundering and lightning very much about 12 o'clock noon.About ½ past 12 I heard one of the most dreadful peals of thunder immagineable.The lightning struck the house next to my uncles on the corner of one of the chimneys,went along the rafters and so on down the corner of the building.Shattering it very much.The report when it struck the chimney was equal if not louder than a small cannon. Part of the same flash of lightning entered my uncles store.There were 8 or 10 persons in it at the time,one of them sitting on the counter with his foot on the stove.The lightning struck his foot,went along his leg and seemed to go off at his hip.My aunt was standing close by him;it struck her on the shoulders.It felt as if it had been scorched by a hot iron.It was black and red for 2 or 3 days.All the others in there felt the shock more or less.I was at the desk writing,it seemed as if it entered at my fingers and went off at my shoulders.It felt like a powerful shock from a Galvanic battery.My fingers were quite numb for as much as 15 minutes. Fortunately there was not any one hurt so bad ,but they got over it in a day or two.Some were more frightened than hurt;to speak politely there was "More noise than wool".After this shock it commenced (Not to rain,but) to pour down,the wind blowing so violently as to tear up trees by the roots, break others off from 10 to 20 feet from the roots.It was about 110 yards

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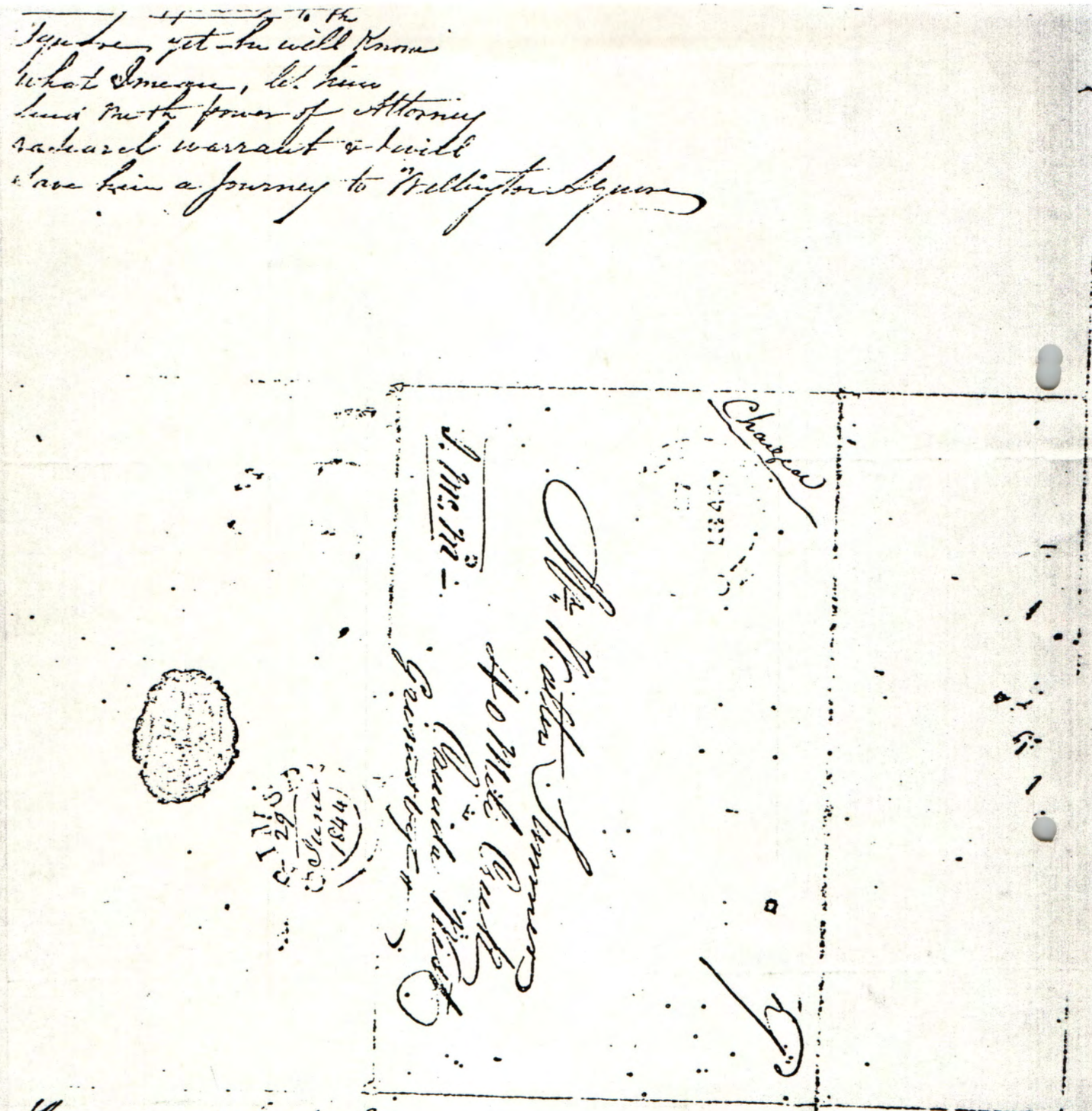
I will describe it more fully when I see you,which I hope will be soon.

Nelles

Tell R.T.Nellis(?) and R.Nixon if they will get up a picnic I will go over to it,if they will only give me one weeks notice.How is O--.., what would I not give to hear a tune on the piano.You must write me soon and tell me all the news about Grimsby.Let people say what they will there is no place like the good old 40 yet.I wish there was enough business for us all to do,then I would not prefer another place but at dear old grimsby yet.Walter,what the duece have you been doing since I left.I do wish so much to know what is going on there.There is nothing going on here,only the ague.It devilish curious place here.I am empolyed nearly of my time in weighing portions of quinine for the ague. I do pity some poor devils coming into the store to hear them playing "The devils tattoo"with their g is enough to give a person the ague or something else,others shaking so hard as to shake the buttons and pins out of their clothes.Some shaking the clothes off their back,others their finger nails and boots and various other things to mention.It beats old scratch out and out.I had some of the simptoms of having ague today myself but I I don't have it this time if("Queen Arm")vulgarly called quinine)can keep it off at a respectful distance.I can enjoy myself very well looking at others shaking their clothes off their backs.Uncle and brother are quite well now.I was to go home soon but there is so much business doing.I cannot get off till my uncle gets a young man.At all events I will not stop any longer here than till my uncle comes from England when I will go over to the Garden of Eden on and make up for lost time.I would wish to write to all my old friends but I feel ready for my bed every night and not having time through the day this must do you all.Give my kind regards and best respects to Miss Catherine Adolphus, Cyrus and all your sisters not forgetting Mr.and Mrs.Peters,Robert and John Nixon,A.Goodman,I.N.Lewis and Nelles and all my old aquantences.

May you and Robert succeed in business as well as I wish and that



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Square yet he will know
what I mean, let him
send me the power of Attorney
research warrant & I will
save him a journey to Wellington Square

Charged

Mr Walter Turner
40 Mile Creek
Canada West
Grimsby

J. McM.

J. M. S.
29
June
1844

If you do not think this
is worth the postage you
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May you and Robert succeed in business as well as I wish & that is as well as I can't wish myself for I have turned my horse out to pasture or I would not have stopped here so long. I never felt so home sick in all my life. "home sweet home"

I must conclude as it is now past 12 o'clock. & beg to subscribe myself

Your Sincere friend & well wisher

John W. Masters

P.S. If I have made any mistakes [illegible] bad spelling & you must not be laughing at me [illegible] you know an Irish man [illegible] have to speak twice and I suppose to spell twice