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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME Wednesday, July 8, 1981, P.M.

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)
Vcty Cornhill, (Kings County)

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1 mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGT IF>5(

4. PATH WIDTH ☐ 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.) Hail, Rain

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 10,000

11. TOTAL DEATHS none

12. TOTAL INJURED none

13. TOTAL HOMELESS none

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES
① The Telegraph-Journal, St. John. N.B, July 11, 1981 and July 9, 1981

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.
a) "a heavy, grey storm cloud which swept everything in it's path"
b) barn destroyed & crops damaged

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SATURDAY [redacted] JULY 11 1981
STORM DATE: P.M. WED. JULY 8 1981

Season Wiped Out For Farmer

By DIANNE PIERCE
Correspondent

CORN HILL, Kings County — "I've never seen anything like it in my 65 years. Everything was white with hail. I thought my house was going to go."

That's how Joseph Dickie, a retired farmer in this small community described a five-minute deluge which cut a swatch through his property and extended as far as Anagance Ridge late Wednesday afternoon.

He said the freak storm was nothing less than a tornado, with a heavy, grey storm cloud which swept everything in its path.

The rain wind and hail which accompanied the cloud destroyed a storage barn on the Dickie property, tore up crops, played havoc with television and citizens band aerials, in addition to lightning cutting telephone and power lines, in the area.

A property across the road from the Dickie farm, that of Ernest Price suffered shattered front windows and door glass from the force of a rafter which blew over from the Dickie barn. The Price garden, a smaller one, was also ravaged in the gale.

Further down the road a cattle barn belonging to Lloyd Rouse collapsed in the wind. The cattle contained in the building emerged unharmed.

Meanwhile, the home of Mrs. John Stockton of Anagance Ridge, located approximately five miles from Corn Hill, also felt the effects of the onslaught. Hail hit the back of the house with such force that it caused pock marks in the paint. The storm also destroyed her vegetable and flower gardens, broke a window in the house and uprooted four apple trees on the property.

Of all the homes in the area affected by the storm, the Dickie's undoubtedly got the worst of the blast, according to the farmer.

"I've cancelled all strawberry sales I made for this season," he says ruefully.

One thousand of his crop berry plants were wiped out by the storm, and he will lose from two to three hundred dollars in sales.

Likewise, his potatoes which he also sells, were destroyed. Corn, onions, tomatoes, even a small peanut crop which he was experimenting with are all gone.

He says he estimates a $10,000 damage to his barn.

Ironically, a large bay window, which a neighbour had stored in the building stood completely unscathed among the ruins. A tiller also escaped damage.

A tree at the side of the Dickie property was decorated with aluminum siding ripped from the barn and hurled among its branches. Mr. Dickie says the building carried fire, insurance, but not for "anything like this — an act of God."

"I'm not going to rebuild it, he says. "It's just not worth it. I'll just put up a smaller building."

He said he had no cattle or horses on the farm. "I'm retired from all of that."

During the conversation a small army of neighbours was conducting a mass clean up of the Dickie property, picking up pieces of wood scattered from the barn, and gathering any remaining potatoes which had been uprooted.

Boards were being piled on a wagon hauled by a tractor. These two necessary pieces of equipment belonging to Mr. Dickie were unscathed.

Mr. Dickie said that David Fyfe of the Saint John weather bureau had stopped by his farm early Thursday morning.

"He told me that we were not supposed to have storms like this in our part of the country, but look what happened," he said, indicating the ruined building.

"I suppose it could be worse, though. No one was hurt."

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Freak Storm Hits Kings County Area

CORNHILL, Kings County — A freak storm late Wednesday afternoon destroyed barns and flattened crops i nthe Cornhill area, a farming community, located 25 kilometres north of Sussex.

The storm, which was described as a small tornado by a photographer at the scene, was accompanied by heavy rainfall and hail.

It stripped the paint off a house and destroyed the barn of Joseph Dickie an area farmer.

Details were scarce last evening as the storm also knocked down telephone and power lines during the brief storm in which no injuries were reported.

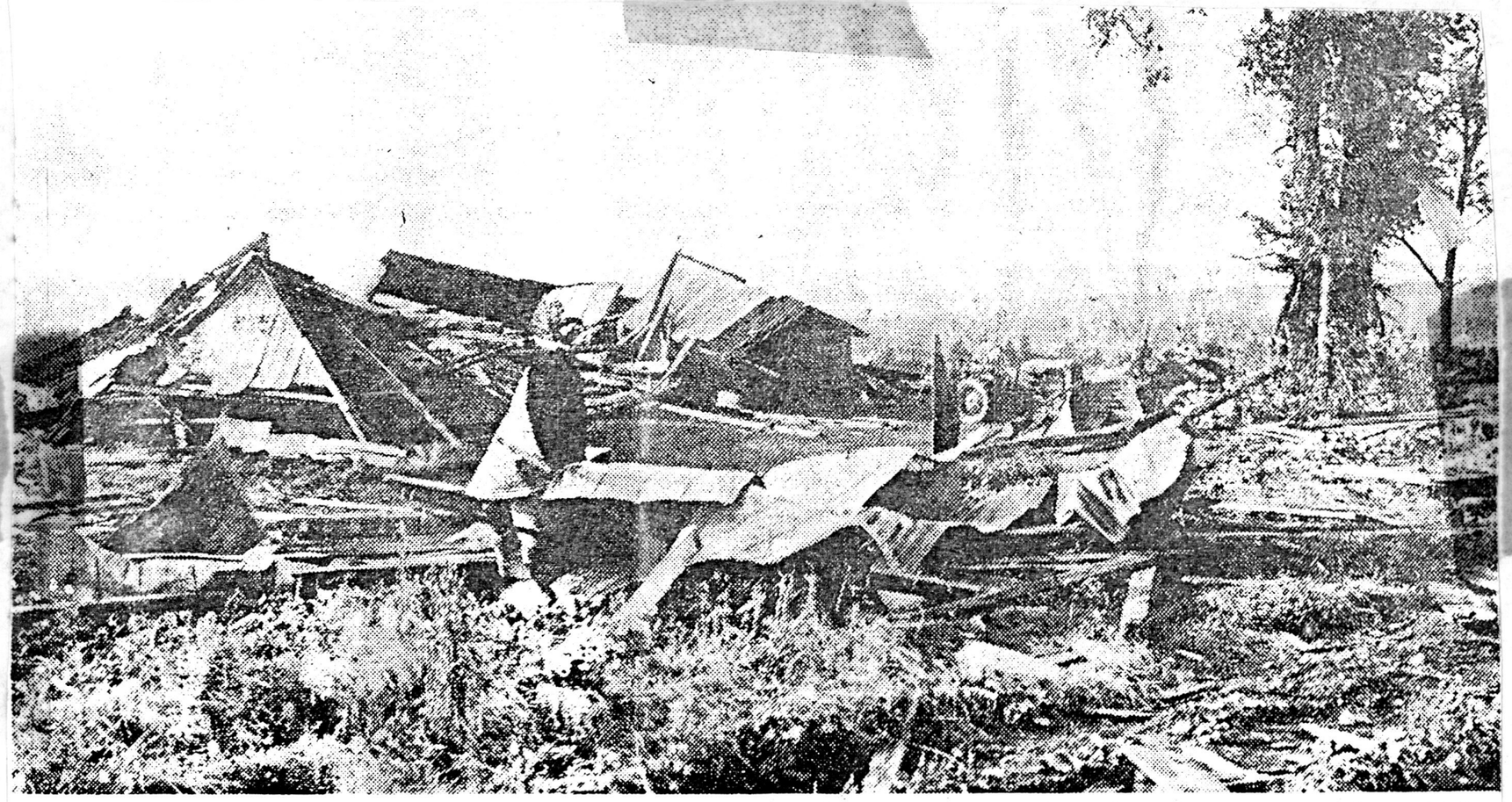
Surrounding communities were not affected.

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DAMAGE WROUGHT — The roof of a barn completely demolished in Wednesday's freak storm at Cornhill, Kings County was driven into a nearby tree on one farmer's property.

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BARN FLATTENED — A five-minute storm, described by residents of Cornhill as a tornado, swept through the Kings County farming community Wednesday. The force of the winds flattened a barn owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dickie, driving some of the roof into the tree at right.