Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :992708
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :a9
TITL - Report Title or Location :Gull Lake to Brightview
PROV - Province :Alberta
COUN - Counties :
REFS - References :TIA
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :12320800
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :5873200
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code : 6000c
DADA - Date of Data Entry :02/08/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :3
HURT - Number of People Injured :
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado :08/07/1927
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :2359
TIMR - Time Meridian :105
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :35s
AXDA - Maximum Path Width :
AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code :
AVDA - Average Damage Width :
AVVA - Avg. Damage Width Error & Code :
SADA - Sample Damage Width :
SAVA - Sample Damage Width Error & Code:
INTO - Initials :JAM
DFTO - Detailed Report Flag :n
JUNK - PRDA & DIMO & DALE :
CODA - Property Damage Code :
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,PICS_AVAIL,COCO : 9
MANY - Multiple Event Flag :y

MEMO:Legal location 23-46-26 w4 3 men killed after granary they were sleeping in was blown off its foundation. Wind lifted water and boats from lake. The boats were carried quite a distance into the air and then demolished.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :
TSHP - Townships :46,26

JAM, 02/08/1990

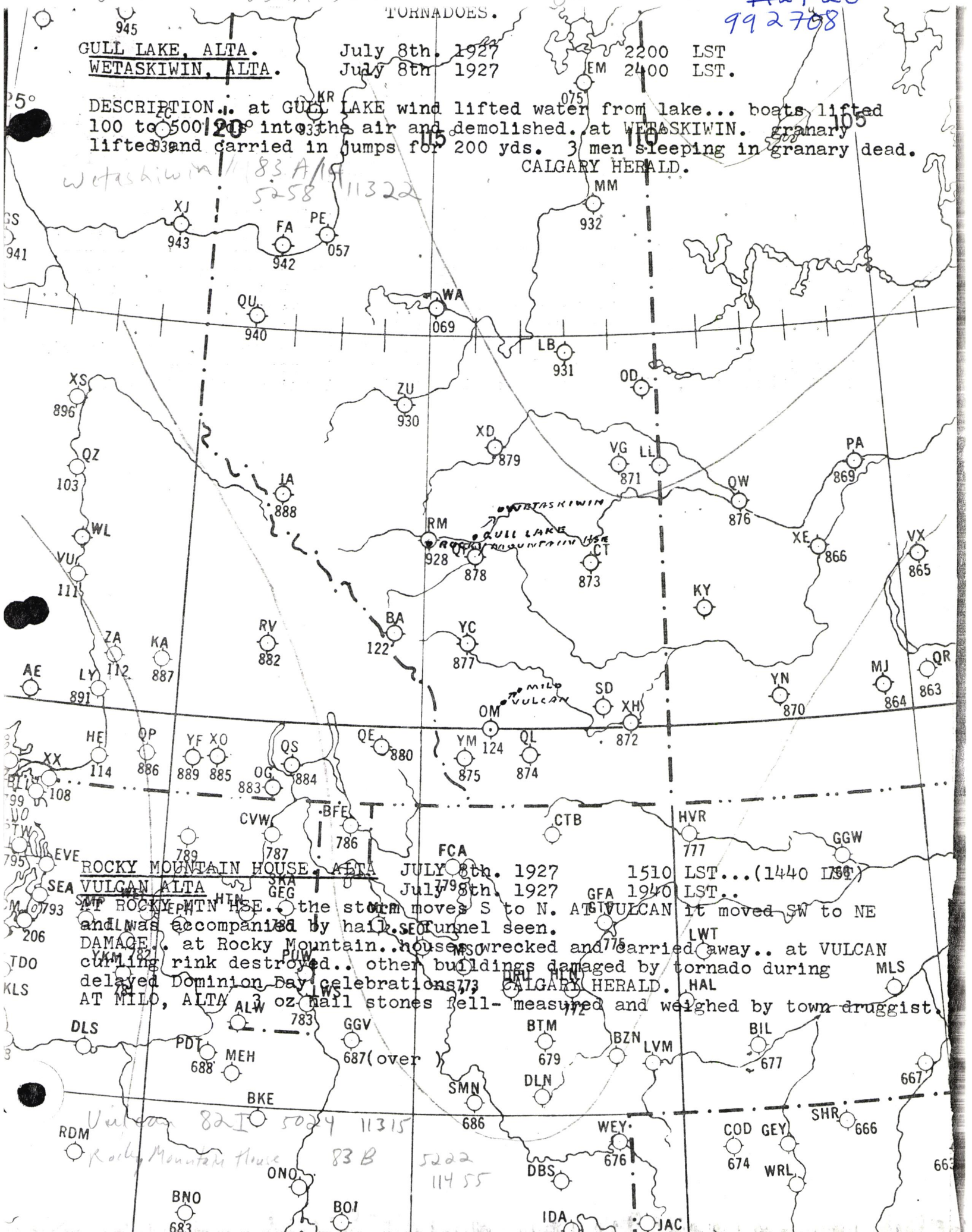
Gull Lake 83A/12 5234 11400 Gull Lake → ~~992720~~ 992708

TORNADOES.

GULL LAKE, ALTA. July 8th. 1927 2200 LST
WETASKIWIN, ALTA. July 8th 1927 2400 LST.

DESCRIPTION.. at GULL LAKE wind lifted water from lake... boats lifted 100 to 500 yds into the air and demolished.. at WETASKIWIN. granary lifted and carried in jumps for 200 yds. 3 men sleeping in granary dead.
CALGARY HERALD.

Wetaskiwin 83A/14 5258 11322



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, ALTA JULY 8th. 1927 1510 LST...(1440 LST)
VULCAN ALTA July 8th. 1927 1940 LST..
AT ROCKY MTN HSE.. the storm moves S to N. AT VULCAN it moved SW to NE and was accompanied by hail.. funnel seen.
DAMAGE.. at Rocky Mountain.. houses wrecked and carried away.. at VULCAN curling rink destroyed.. other buildings damaged by tornado during delayed Dominion Day celebrations.. CALGARY HERALD.
AT MILO, ALTA 3 oz hail stones fell- measured and weighed by town druggist.

Vulcan 82I 5024 11315
Rocky Mountain House 83B 5222 11455

"ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE.." strong wind lasted about 10 minutes..on the horizon trees were noticed swaying heavily and evidently jumping into the air. The clouds were of a funnel like type. The wind struck first from the south west, but quickly swung around to the east, gradually increasing in volume as it swung and finally blowing with a force so terrific that debris was blown across the village inan almost horizontal direction..buildings in the path of the storm were torn to pieces" storm moved through centre of village from SW to NE..comment is made about number of buildings having sides bulged out..several injured, but no fatalities.

VULCAN, ALTA. 1940 p.m. " A light rain had been falling and the atmosphere was muggy. The a great rolling grey cloud carrying tremendous hail stones swept in from the southwest. The stones were as big as eggs. Then came the tornado with a roar that could be heard for miles. The funnel shaped cloud whirled down on the town" many buildings demolished.. walls of many other buildings bulged out.. No fatalities. At dairy farm of W.J. Montgomery a heavy iron pump was drawn straight up 20 ft. out of the well. Damage at Vulcan all caused within one minute. Immediately after passing town " the small end of the funnel seemed to soar upward and flatten out", picture of storm in Encyl. Britanica under Tornado.

TWISTER DAMAGED VULCAN IN 1927 SAYS EYEWITNESS.

A couple of months ago The Bulletin printed a request for any information concerning tornadoes in this district during the past. Several mentioned the big gale which swept the fringe of this district in 1916.

Earl Taylor of Rainier dropped in recently to tell us of a tornado which hit Vulcan in the late summer of 1927. He was there at the time and saw the twister going through, and later obtained pictures which were being sold in the drugstore there. He still has them.

Typical of twisters, queer damage was wreaked to some of Vulcan's buildings - one building was levelled nd its neighbor remained untouched. a single corner would be damaged in another building. The force of the wind was so great that blades of grass were driven into poles and fence posts. Mr. Taylor himself saw this not uncommon but unusual occurrence of the grass blades.

That same year he believes there was reports of a tornado-like blow in the Rocky Mountain House area.

THE GLOBE, TORONTO. MON. JULY 11 1927.

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STORM DATE: July 9, 1927

1 DEATH by HAIL, TORNADOES (TWO DEATHS)
ALBERTA, SASK. MANITOBA.

BUILDINGS WRECKED AND CROPS LEVELLED BY TERRIFIC STORM

Heavy Toll of Damage as Tornado and Hail Sweep Parts of West

SEVERAL ARE INJURED

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Winnipeg, July 10 — Since Friday various districts of Western Canada have felt the devastating force of cyclones, hail and rainstorms.

Southern Alberta sections have been the hardest hit, the toll including injury to several persons, destruction of business buildings and homes in towns, wrecking of farm houses and structures, and damage to crops.

Rocky Mountain House, Vulcan, De Winton, Lacombe, Gull Lake, Indus, Didsbury, Carsland, Milo and Nightingale districts, all have suffered from the storm. Crop damage also is reported from Olds, Alberta.

Terrific Hail and Wind.

A terrific hail and wind storm was experienced in the Edenwold, Zenia and Franklake districts of Alberta Saturday. At one point a passenger train had to be stopped while trainmen and passengers cleared the track of debris. A barn roof and heavy timbers had to be cleared from the tracks before the train could proceed. Later, the train was stopped again while hail was shovelled from the tracks.

Tonight, the extent of the crop damage was undetermined, and definite reports on this aspect of the storm will not be known until Monday.

In Saskatchewan, Prince Albert district suffered from a severe hail and wind storm Saturday night, but only meagre details are available.

Considerable damage is reported in the Town of Moosomin, Sask., where hailstones broke hundreds of panes of glass in homes, business and public buildings Saturday. At Red Jacket, nine miles west of Moosomin, several farmers were hailed out.

Heavy Crop Damage.

Early today a hailstorm swept through districts from Regina to Indian Head with resultant crop damage, ruined gardens and damage to buildings.

At Roblin, Man., a miniature cyclone travelled through a narrow strip of country, destroying the farm home of Dan Roberts, and causing serious injury to Roberts. He is now in Dauphin Hospital suffering from severe head injuries. This is the only storm area reported in Manitoba.

Hurling down houses, barns, and telephone poles, and accompanied by terrific hail, a small tornado cut across the Macleod Trail, near De Winton, twenty miles south of Calgary, on Saturday, badly injuring Alfred Linn, 13-year-old son of a road maintenance foreman. Young Linn is unconscious in Calgary Hospital.

TORNADO ROBLIN MANITOBA.

Hail Dints Metal.

R. A. Brown, Superintendent of Calgary Public Utilities, and Neal M. Laughlin also had a narrow escape while travelling along the road a mile south of De Winton. The top of the coupe in which they were riding had twenty-three holes punched in it by hailstones as big as eggs. Some of them knocked big dents in the pressed-steel body, also cracking the heavy metal in places. They held the seat of the car over their heads for protection.

The Linn boys were lying in a tent when the storm struck. The tent whipped away instantly. Walter Linn, the oldest, seized his smaller brothers and ran with them to a barn. They had hardly got inside when the wind crashed the barn, and the lads fled just in time. It was at this moment that Alfred suffered his injuries.

A terrific storm swept over the west portion of Lacombe district Friday night, doing enormous damage in the Bentley and Rimbey territory. The force of the wind was so great that at Aspen Beach garages were torn down, trees uprooted and tents blown away. Boats on the beach at Gull Lake were lifted high in the air and blown from 100 to 500 yards through the air and demolished.

Tornado at Gull Lake

A tornado struck the south end of Gull Lake the whirling winds lifting the water from the lake. After the first storm had subsided, another storm came up from the northeast about 10 o'clock, and a lightning display such as never before witnessed, accompanied by a heavy wind and torrents of rain kept up for three hours. The extent of hail damage will not be known for a day or so.

A twister hit the Indus district, about six miles southeast of Langdon, Saturday afternoon, causing from 75 to 100 per cent. loss to crops in a strip eight miles long by six miles wide.

Auto Blown Over House.

The storm was terrific close to the farm of Frank Fulton. Mr. Fulton's automobile was blown right over the house, which was unroofed. The barn was wrecked and windows in the house broken. The cook was injured by flying glass.

Reports from Carsland and Nightingale state that damage was caused by hail Saturday afternoon. There was wind and rain at Gleichen and Strathmore, although no serious loss is reported. Some trees were blown down at Strathmore.

Telegraphic reports received on Saturday by the Canadian Pacific Railway here from its agents state that the hail-storm on Thursday evening at Didsbury damaged about 3,000 acres to the extent of 25 per cent. The agents at Olds states that only about 2 per cent. damage was caused in that district.

Hail stones weighing actually three ounces fell at Milo Friday, said W. R. Douglas the druggist of the town. He motored in just ahead of the storm, which was at his heels for miles, but which he managed to escape.

LOSS FROM STORM MAY TOTAL MILLION

Saskatchewan Damage to Crops Alone Estimated at $2,000,000

THREE KILLED, MANY HURT

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Winnipeg, July 11. — Freakish wind, hail and electrical storms, which played havoc in Saskatchewan and Alberta districts over the week-end, took a toll of three lives, caused inestimable loss to crops in widely scattered sections of the two Provinces, heavy damage to farm and town buildings, and injury to many persons, while others had miraculous escapes.

The third victim was added to the death list tonight when word was received from Watrous, Sask., that William Raitz, aged 21, a farm-hand, was killed by lightning along with the team of horses he was driving Saturday evening. Two other farm-hands were killed at Wetaskiwin, Alta., when a granary in which they were sleeping was carried away from its foundation and smashed to the ground.

Throughout the two Provinces today thousands of hail claims were fyled by farmers with hail insurance companies.

In Saskatchewan the damage to crops may reach $2,000,000, but no definite estimate of Alberta's loss is yet available.

Graphic details of the storm were given by eye-witnesses today. In some districts funnel-shaped clouds followed in the path of destructive hailstorms, dipped to earth and wrecked farm homes and buildings. In some sections the "twister" would dip down on one farm, destroy homes while the occupants rushed to safety, lift again, travel high above the adjoining farm and descend later to complete its destruction ~~miles away~~ ← miles away.

Wetaskiwin

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