

# The Bunker Hill Tornado

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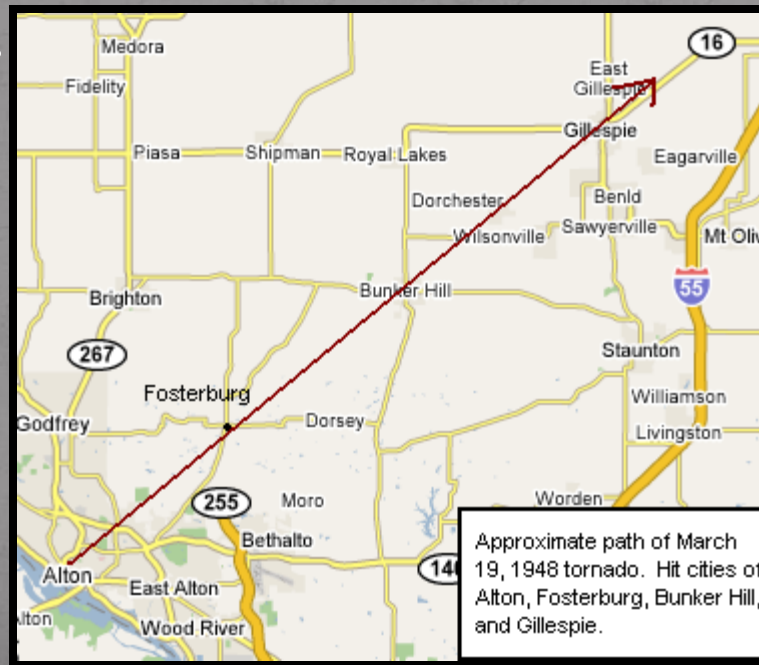
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# March 19, 1948

- Tore through the town at approximately 6:45 a.m.
- Estimated to be an F4 tornado.
- Death toll – 19
- Injuries – 126
- About 80% of the town was leveled.

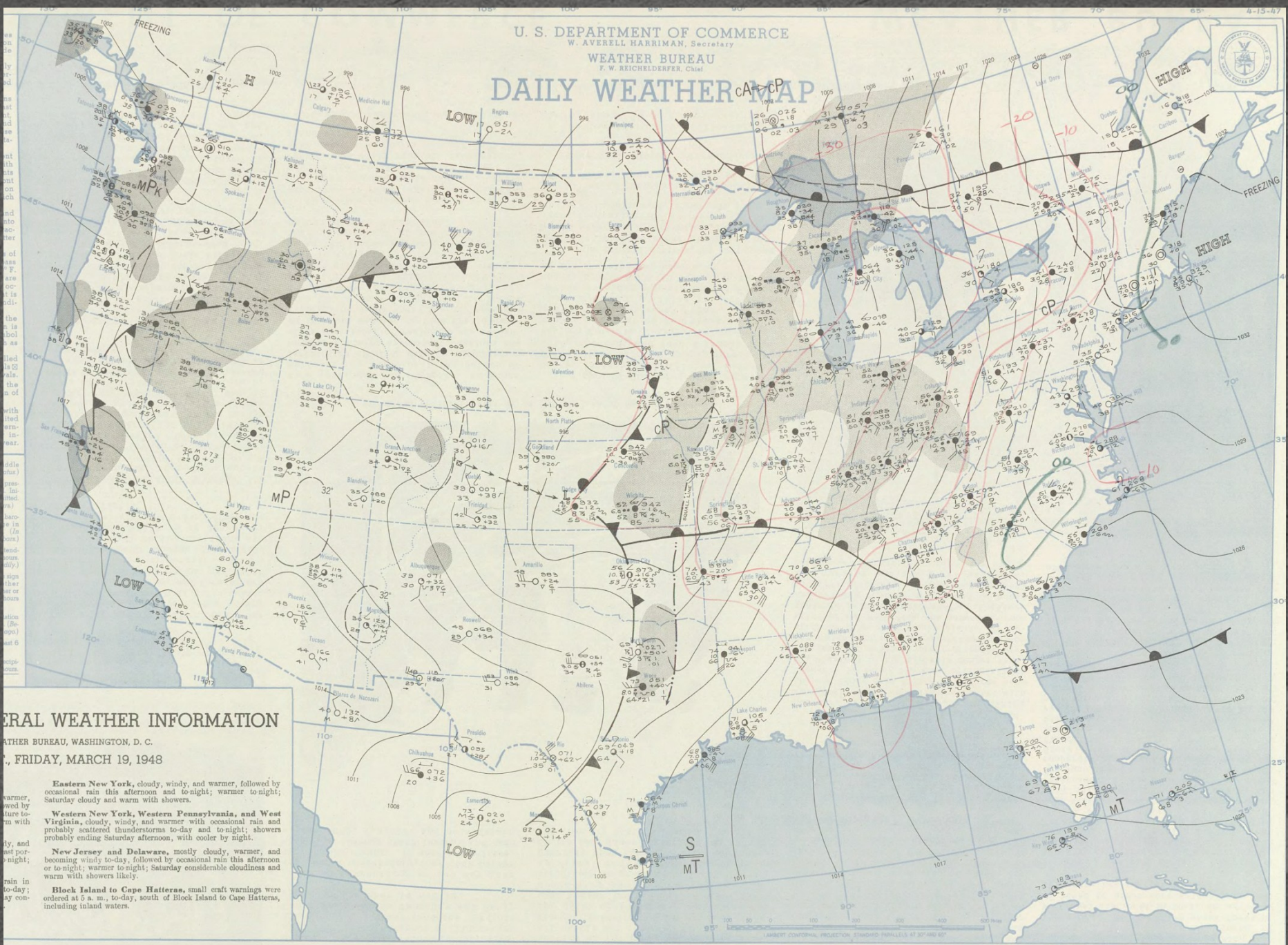
# March 19, 1948 (continued)

- Ranked as the 6<sup>th</sup> worst Illinois tornado disaster of all time according to NOAA.
- Also damaged surrounding cities of Alton, Fosterburg and Gillespie.



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# DAILY WEATHER MAP



## GENERAL WEATHER INFORMATION

WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
 7:00 A. M., FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1948

- Eastern New York**, cloudy, windy, and warmer, followed by occasional rain this afternoon and to-night; warmer to-night; Saturday cloudy and warm with showers.
- Western New York, Western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia**, cloudy, windy, and warmer with occasional rain and probably scattered thunderstorms to-day and to-night; showers probably ending Saturday afternoon, with cooler by night.
- New Jersey and Delaware**, mostly cloudy, warmer, and becoming windy to-day, followed by occasional rain this afternoon or to-night; warmer to-night; Saturday considerable cloudiness and warm with showers likely.
- Block Island to Cape Hatteras**, small craft warnings were ordered at 5 a. m., to-day, south of Block Island to Cape Hatteras, including inland waters.

LAMBERT CONFORMAL PROJECTION, FORWARD PARALLELS AT 30° AND 60°





The Business Section from Truesdale Home. 19



Tornados Cause Sights Like This 39



Bunkerhill, Ill, Struck by Tornado Mar. 19. 48. 43



Common Sights Since the Tornado.

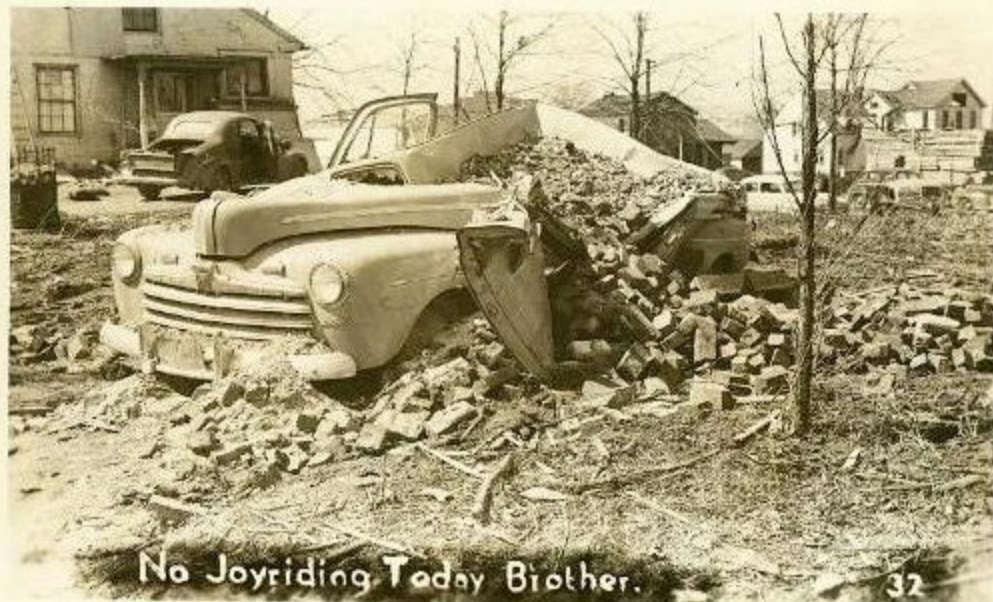


The Lovely Dey Home was Completely Wrecked. 18



Looking N. E. from top of School Bldg. 23





No Joyriding Today Brother.

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The Tornado left it in a Falling Condition.

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Memorial Services in Tornado Wrecked Bunker Hill

