New England's Snow Hurricane of 1804 - Oct. 9 - Pt. 2 Wind began rising from the S-SE Tues. AM, later shifting to the E and increasing in intensity until 1500. Then the gale abated for a few minutes before winds veered NE and the gale blew more violently than ever before observed. Steeple of the North Church fell and the tower roof of the Stone Church flew 200 feet. Portsmouth, NH No damage except fallen trees and fences. Likely location of the northern extent of the high winds. Salem, MA Edward Holyoke's observations: Tues. AM about 0900, the wind shifted NE with rain and thunder lasting the whole day. Barometer read 991.8 mb at sunset and temp. had dropped 8 degrees to 44 from the AM. Wind intensified after sundown and lasted through the night. Atwater Phippen reported 4 in. of rain during the day and 3 in. that night, more than ever known in that period of time. Salem, MA Rev. William Bentley account of the storm: In the AM, winds from the S. At 0700, began to rain at SE and wind rose and changed to NE. Storm grew more violent and lasted all night. It was the strongest storm recorded in Salem. Thunder and lightning all day. The vessels at Cape Ann and Marblehead were all beached. Much damage reported in Boston. Roads obstructed from fallen trees. All small boats in Boston destroyed. The Rev. stated that this was likely the most severe storm felt in this part of America. Providence, RI Wind varied between NE and SE during the day, and the winds were stronger that night than ever before remembered New Haven, CT President Day at Yale noted: SE wind at 0600, shifted to NW by 1300. At sunset, gale from the N with temp. of 38 degrees, 17 degrees lower than in the AM. Frequent lightning and thunder, wind violent throughout the night. Total rainfall was 3.66 in. New London, CT Wind SE in the AM. calm by noon, but Thomas Beers observations: Oct. 9 - At 0600, hard rain, dark wild clouds by noon, wind highest stronger than before in from the SE until 1030, then wind shifted SW, W, and then NW and blew hard until noon. the afternoon. Winds Skies appeared clear around 1300, but by 1800, dark clouds with driving rain. High gales became NE and lasted until about 2100. until 2200. Based on the observations listed in Ludlum (1963), he estimated that the center passed between 120 Miles Philadelphia and Atlantic City, near New York City, south of Poughkeepsie, north of New Haven and New London, and right over Boston.