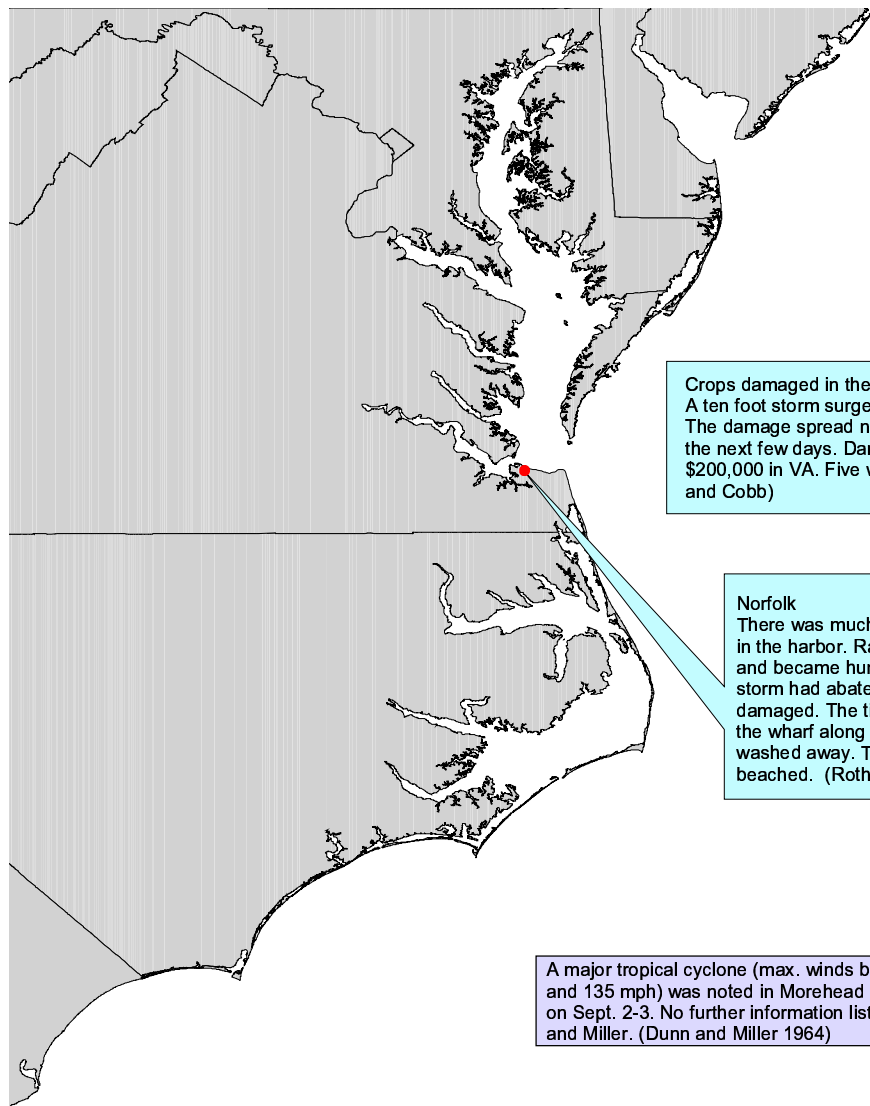


# The Norfolk and Long Island Hurricane of 1821 - Sept. 3-4 - Pt. 1



Crops damaged in the vicinity of Chesapeake Bay. A ten foot storm surge caused tremendous damage. The damage spread north into New England over the next few days. Damage was estimated at \$200,000 in VA. Five were drowned at Chincoteague. (Roth and Cobb)

**Norfolk**  
There was much wind damage and damage to ships in the harbor. Rains began at 0600, a NE gale began and became hurricane force by 1130. At 1230, the storm had abated. Trees were uprooted, many homes damaged. The tide flooded the ground floor of the buildings on the wharf along the river. The bridge on Catherine Street was washed away. The U.S. "Congress" and "Gurriere" were beached. (Roth and Cobb)

A major tropical cyclone (max. winds between 101 and 135 mph) was noted in Morehead City, NC on Sept. 2-3. No further information listed in Dunn and Miller. (Dunn and Miller 1964)

This is one of the greatest hurricanes to strike the Atlantic seaboard in the past 200 years. It came out of the Bahamas and passed west of the Ocracoke Inlet on Pamlico Sound, NC. The center then passed directly east of Norfolk, VA on its path northward.



30 0 30 60 Miles

A horizontal scale bar with four segments. The first segment is labeled '30', the second '0', the third '30', and the fourth '60'. Below the bar is a black and white checkered pattern.