The Late Gale at St. Joseph - September 14th, 1841 St. Joseph, FL In the September of the year of a great Yellow Fever epidemic in Apalachicola and St. Joseph, a strong hurricane struck the FL panhandle. The town of St. Joseph was completely destroyed. (Barnes 1998) This storm was reported along the Gulf coast of Florida on Sept. 14, 1841. The storm was termed a "gale" in Ludlum (1963). 100 Miles