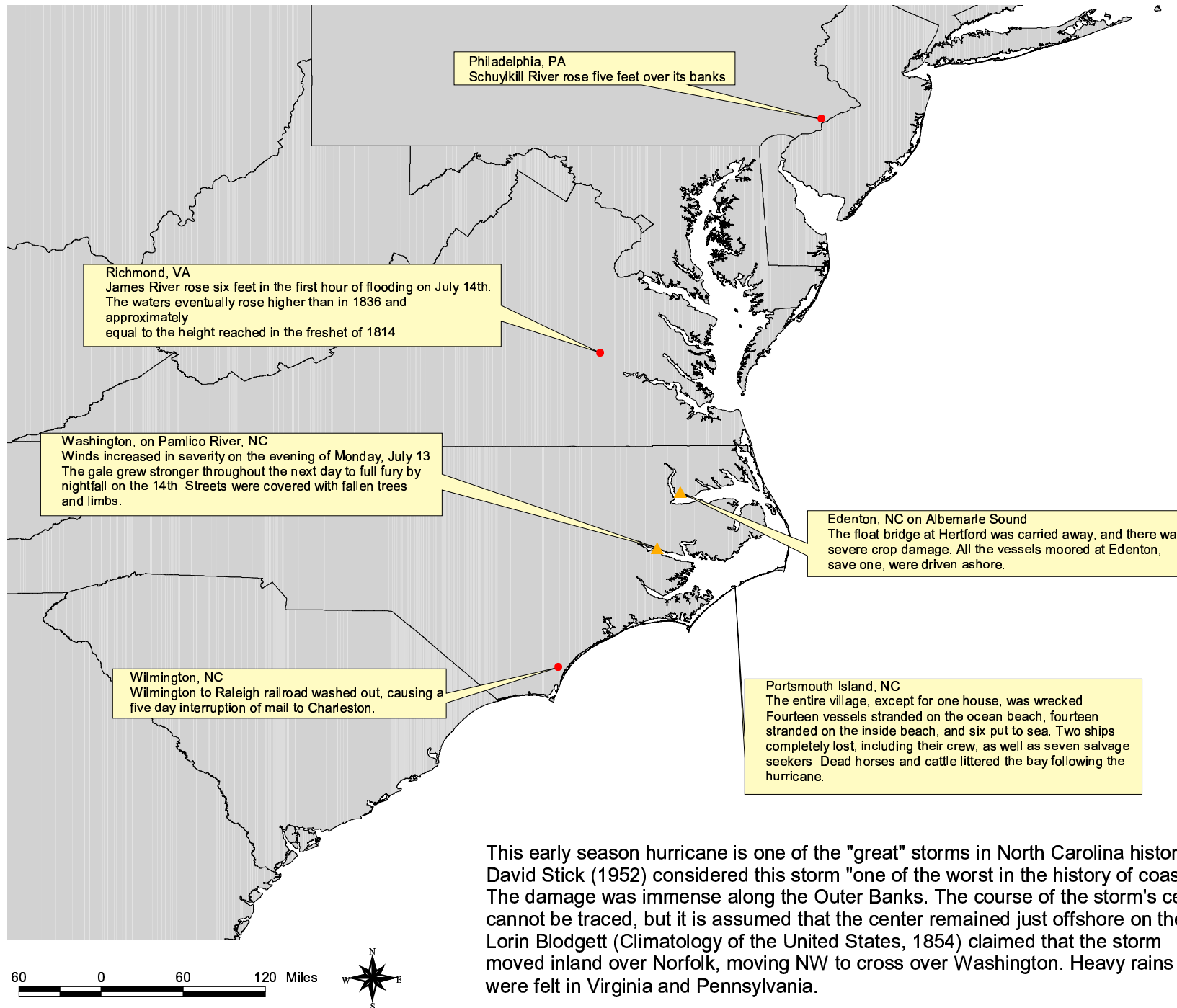


The Destructive North Carolina Hurricane of 1842 - July 12-14



This early season hurricane is one of the "great" storms in North Carolina history. David Stick (1952) considered this storm "one of the worst in the history of coastal Carolina." The damage was immense along the Outer Banks. The course of the storm's center cannot be traced, but it is assumed that the center remained just offshore on the 12th. Lorin Blodgett (Climatology of the United States, 1854) claimed that the storm moved inland over Norfolk, moving NW to cross over Washington. Heavy rains were felt in Virginia and Pennsylvania.