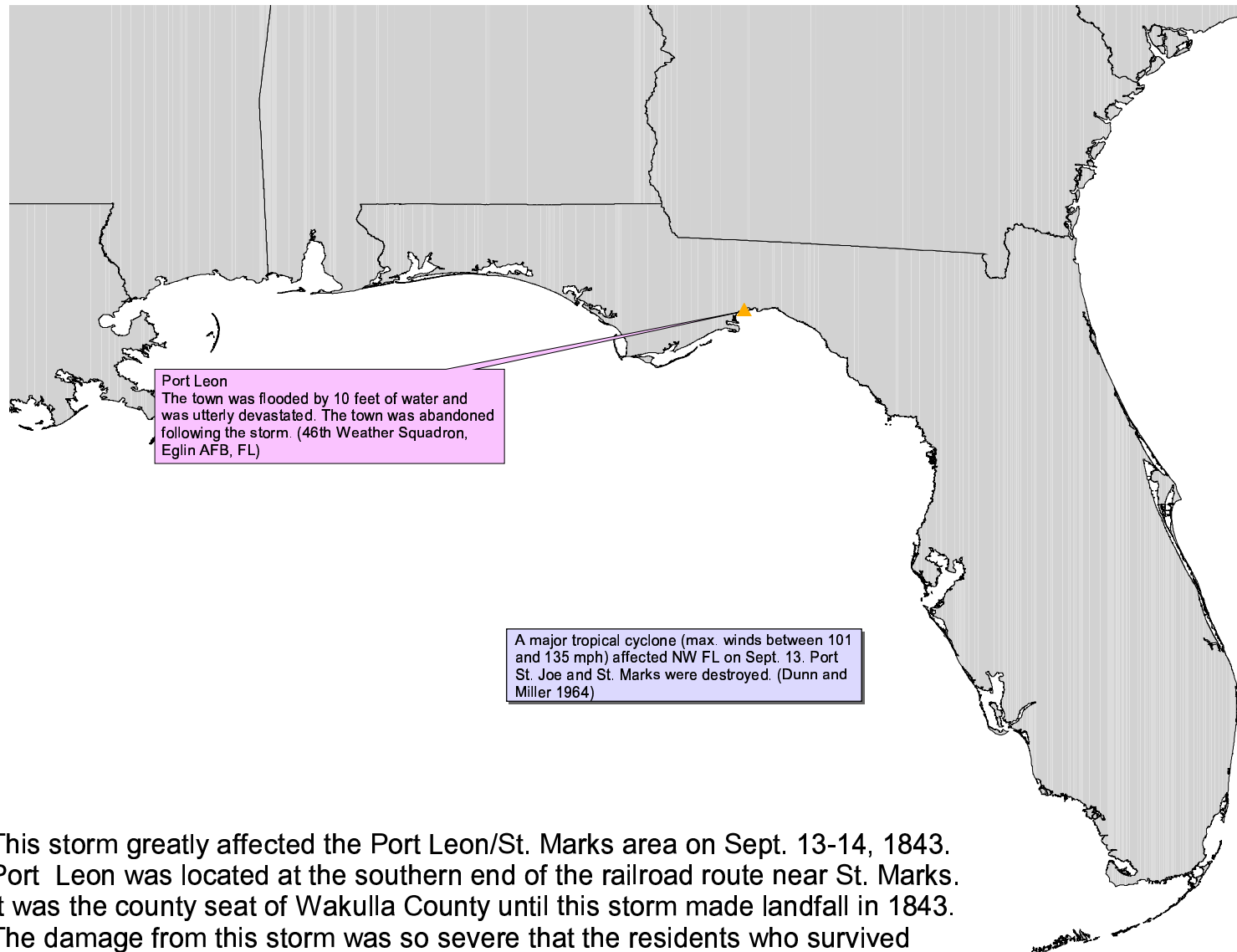


Great Storm - Port Leon - 1843 - Sept. 13-14



Port Leon
The town was flooded by 10 feet of water and was utterly devastated. The town was abandoned following the storm. (46th Weather Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL)

A major tropical cyclone (max. winds between 101 and 135 mph) affected NW FL on Sept. 13. Port St. Joe and St. Marks were destroyed. (Dunn and Miller 1964)

This storm greatly affected the Port Leon/St. Marks area on Sept. 13-14, 1843. Port Leon was located at the southern end of the railroad route near St. Marks. It was the county seat of Wakulla County until this storm made landfall in 1843. The damage from this storm was so severe that the residents who survived decided not to rebuild, and made a new settlement at a site three miles upstream and called it New Port. Today, this site is known as Newport. (Wakulla County History - www.tfn.net/~wakullac/history.html)

