Severe Storm at Apalachicola - August 1850 - Pt. 1

This storm most likely originated in the Gulf of Mexico west of the 85th meridian. Two ship reports from 26 and 27 degrees north latitude indicate a SE "gale" for 12 hours on the 22nd. Apalachicola and Newport were to the east of the storms center based on their winds coming from an easterly direction. The storm possibly made landfall between Pensacola and Panama City with a NE track.

- **Georgia**
  - Reports of heavy wind damage in Columbus, Griffin, Waynesboro, and Augusta
  - Houses blown down, trees uprooted, and crops damaged

- **Spartanburg**
  - Rains destroyed many mills and dams
  - Numerous trees uprooted

- **Central NC**
  - Dams and bridges washed away
  - Trees uprooted and crops destroyed
  - Damage estimates approach $7 million dollars

- **Burke County, GA**
  - Highest winds out of the SE

- **Montgomery**
  - Severe wind and rain storm from Friday night (8/23) to Sat. morning (8/24)
  - Damage to cotton relatively minor
  - Editor of Montgomery Journal thought storm comparable to that of Oct. 6, 1837

- **Charleston**
  - "Heavy blow all day" from the SW
  - Lowest barometer reading was approximately 999 mb

- **Savannah**
  - Experienced storm from 1900/23rd until 1200/24th

- **Tallahassee**
  - Storm occurred from Friday night into Saturday
  - Storm winds began from the east, later came from the west
  - Editor of Southern Recorder noted a lengthy and protracted wind event
  - No loss of life

- **Apalachicola**
  - Large amount of flooding in area
  - Damage not classified as great or general
  - Wind blowing from the E

- **St. Marks and Newport**
  - Storm began on Friday, Aug. 23rd
  - Winds out of the SE
  - No damage of consequence in the cities
  - Bridge over the Wakulla River washed away by floodwaters