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This final report of flooding in the Oswego River Basin that occurred during June 1972 is made in accordance with Engineering Manual 500-1-1 dated 4 January 1972. Specific instructions are contained in paragraph 72.73 of that document. A separate report for the Genesee River Basin and a Summary Report that includes all the areas affected by "Agnes" within the Buffalo District have also been prepared.

Seventeen teletype reports on flooding conditions were submitted by this office to the Office, Chief of Engineers, and Division Engineer, North Central Division. The teletypes, dated 21 June through 5 July and 10 and 17 July 1972, are attached as Exhibits 1 through 17. Informational copies were also sent, as appropriate, to the following:

- Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP), Region 5, Chicago, IL
- OEP National Disaster Hdqtrs, Washington, DC
- OEP Region 2, New York, NY
- Amer. Cross Eastern Area Disaster Service, Alexandria, VA
- Commanding General First Army, Hdqtrs., Ft. George Meade, MD
- Comdr., Coast Guard District, Nine, Cleveland, OH
- Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, Region 1, Maynard, MA
- Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, Region 2, Olney, MD
- Office of Natural Disaster and Civil Defense, Albany, NY
- State Civil Defense, Worthington, OH

The Oswego River Basin situation was a Category A flood because there was major flooding in large areas, extensive property damage, and serious danger to life and flood protective works. No loss of life was reported in the Oswego River Basin. Counties that were declared disaster areas in the Buffalo District as a result of "Agnes" are shown on Plate 1. An Oswego River Basin Map is shown on Plate 2. Of the 15 counties within the Oswego River Basin, 13 were declared disaster areas. They are Cayuga, Chemung, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne and Yates.

The first direct action taken by Buffalo District was to dispatch a man by civil air patrol aircraft to the City of Auburn on 25 June 1972 and then to the Town of Skaneateles on 26 June 1972. Skaneateles Lake had risen well above flood stage and the upper dam on Owasco Lake Outlet was threatening failure which would have sent a large flood wave through the City of Auburn. Figure 1 shows workmen preparing to place large stone on the pier of the flood threatened dam at Auburn. A Buffalo District representative was advising during the situation. Figure 2 shows the flood waters of Owasco Lake Outlet inundating the first floor of the Dunn and McCarthy Inc. manufacturing plant at Auburn.

When it became apparent that a major disaster was imminent an Emergency Operations Center was set up at the Buffalo District Office. The center was open 24 hours a day from 21 June to 28 June; 15 hours a day from 29 June to 7 July; 12 hours a day from 8 July to 18 July; 9 hours a day from 19 July to 29 July; and 8 hours a day from 30 July to mid-October. The center was open seven days a week from 21 June to 29 July and six days a week from 30 July to mid-October.

Initially the center was used as a means of communication and information exchange between the Buffalo District and areas affected by flooding. After the initial flooding, the center served as the coordinating area for missions assigned to the Buffalo District by OEP.

Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, Rock Island, Sacramento, and St. Paul Districts dispatched additional civilian personnel to the Buffalo District, and military personnel were obtained from West Point and Fort Belvoir to assist in performing missions assigned to Buffalo District from OEP. Area office personnel remained in the field to assist whenever possible to obtain high water marks, flood damage figures, and other pertinent information.

OEP assigned the following missions to the Buffalo District pertinent to the Oswego River Basin:

1. Remove wreckage and debris to clear essential access and recovery routes and to eliminate imminent public health and safety hazards.
2. Perform minimum temporary emergency repair to streets, roads, and bridges necessary to restore essential traffic on an emergency basis on "non-Federal aid system" routes.
3. Provide supplemental assistance beyond that within the physical ability of the owners to restore essential utility service including gas and electric distribution systems, telephone, and telegraph.
4. Furnish preliminary estimate of damages for the following:
  - a. Clearance of debris and wreckage.
  - b. Emergency protective measures.
  - c. Restoration of dikes, levees, irrigation works, and drainage facilities.
  - d. Restoration of public buildings and related equipment.
  - e. Restoration of publicly owned utilities.
5. Perform detailed damage survey reports covering the aforementioned categories.
6. Make temporary repairs to certain housing rendered uninhabitable as a result of the major disaster.
7. Provide technical and administrative assistance in the processing of applications for repairs of less than \$50,000, including processing of vouchers, performing final audits, and making reimbursements.
8. Perform contract work in; clearance of debris and wreckage and emergency protective measures, at the following locations:
  - a. Six Mile Creek - Town of Caroline, Tompkins County
  - b. Oneida Creek - City of Oneida, Madison County
  - c. Hammondsport - Steuben County

- d. Skaneateles Creek - Town of Jordan, Onondaga County
- e. Keuka Lake Outlet - City of Penn Yan, Yates County
- f. Owasco Outlet - City of Auburn, Cayuga County
- g. Various streams - Town of Wayne, Steuben County
- h. Cayuga Inlet - City of Ithaca, Tompkins County

9. Perform contract work for restoration of street, road, and highway facilities, and restoration of dikes, levees, irrigation works, and drainage facilities at the following locations:

- a. Port Byron - Cayuga County
- b. Moravia - Cayuga County
- c. Weedsport - Cayuga County
- d. Camillus - Onondaga County
- e. Montour Falls - Schuyler County
- f. Seneca Lake at Willard - Seneca County

This report provides detailed data on the major lakes of the Basin, and Clyde, Seneca, Oneida and Oswego Rivers. Various other areas are given minor coverage. The information presented contains precipitation and weather synopsis furnished by National Weather Service (NWS), provisional stage-hydrographs and peak discharges furnished by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and damage estimates obtained by field reconnaissance by Buffalo District personnel and the Soil Conservation Service during and after the flood.



Figure 1 Workmen prepare to place large boulders in an attempt to reinforce a pier of the state dam at Owasco Lake outlet. Photo taken 25 June 1972.

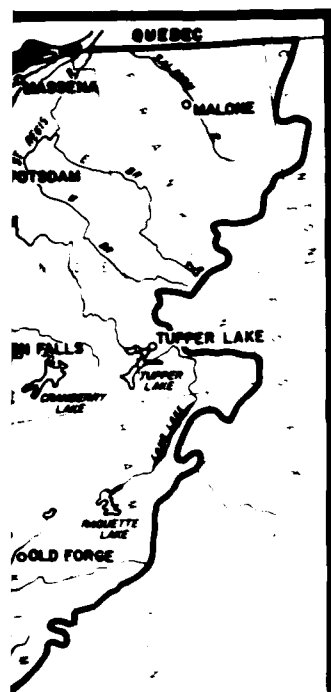


Figure 2 Owasco Lake outlet flood waters approximately ten feet above normal, at the Dunn and McCarthy Inc. plant. Water normally flows under the plant.









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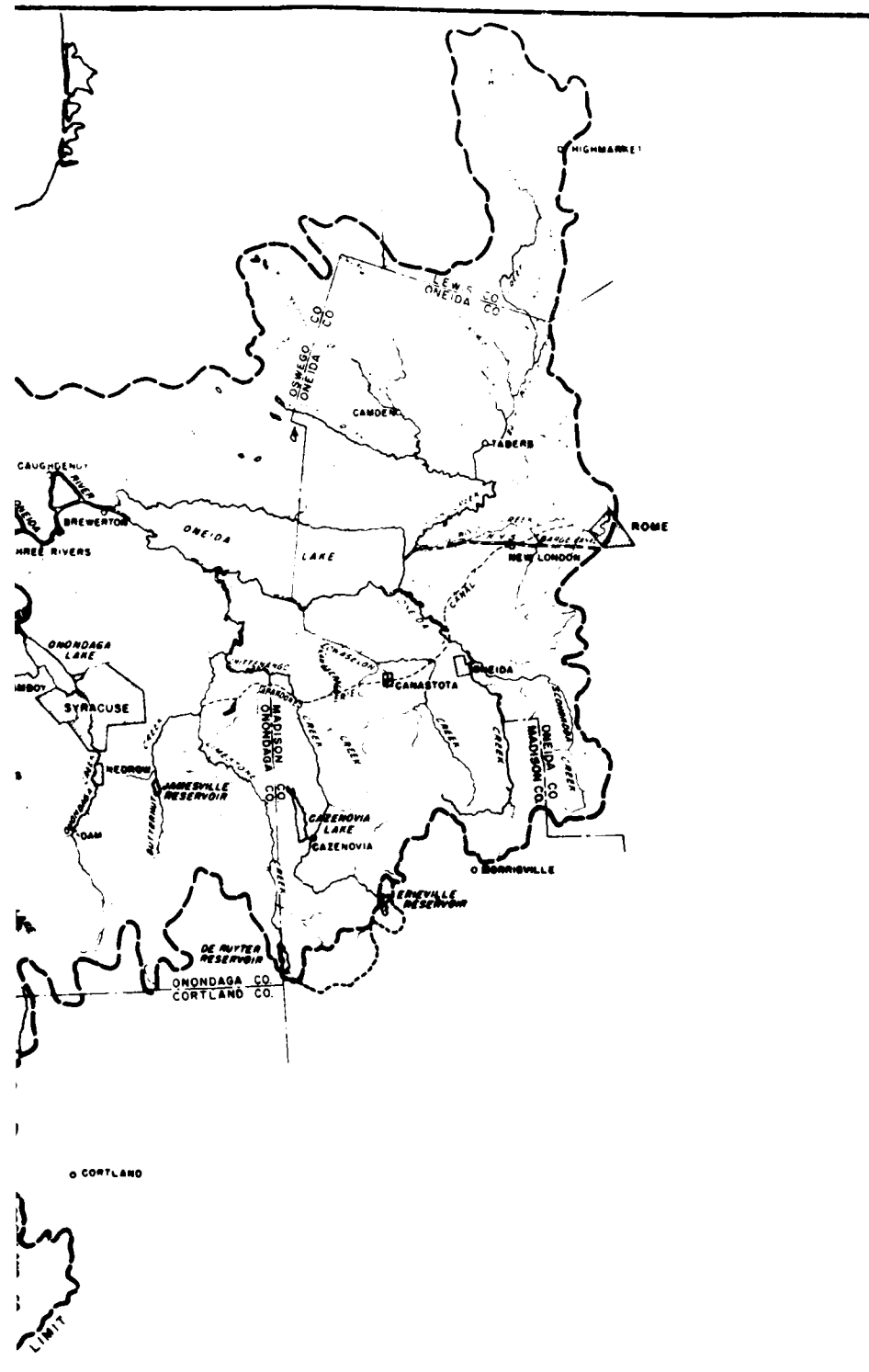
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BASIN MAP

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## EXTENT AND CHARACTER OF FLOOD DAMAGE AREAS

### General

The Oswego River Basin is located in west-central New York. It has a total drainage area of 5,081 square miles. The basin is located over three physiographic areas. The Ontario lowland, about 20 miles wide and generally level about 400 to 500 feet above mean sea level, is located over the northern section of the basin. The northern margin of the Alleghany Plateau covers most of the southern section of the basin with moderately steep slopes to an elevation of 2,000 feet and many valley filled lakes. Part of the Tug Hill Plateau covers the northeastern portion of the basin and has a uniform slope from an elevation of 400 to an elevation of 2,000 feet. The hydrographic character of the basin is controlled by the local geology. The geologic profile across the area is governed by the stratigraphy and erosional history, and by the modification of relief from glaciation.

### New York State Barge Canal

The New York State Barge Canal crosses the northern portion of the basin. It was completed in 1918 and provides a 12-foot draft. Extensions have been made to Seneca, Cayuga, and Onondaga Lakes, and Lake Ontario via the Oswego River Canal. The canal system is regulated and maintained by the State of New York. The Barge Canal is shown on the general Oswego River Basin map (Plate 2).

### Lakes

The Finger Lakes and Oneida Lake are the major lakes in the Basin. Drainage of the Finger Lakes is northward and channelled east into the Oswego River and then into Lake Ontario. Storage in these lakes reduce the peak flows downstream considerably.

Table 1 lists the pertinent data on selected lakes in the Oswego River Basin.

Table 1. - Pertinent Data on Lakes in the Oswego River Basin

Location	: Drainage : Area : (Sq. Mi.)	: Lake : Area : (Sq. Mi.)	: Purpose : of : Operation
Canandaigua Lake at Canandaigua	: 184 :	: 16.6 :	: (2) :
Cayuga Lake at Ithaca	: 1,564	: 66.9	: (3)
Keuka Lake at Hammondsport	: 182	: 18.3	: (4)
Oneida Lake at Brewerton	: 1,382	: 79.8	: (3)
Onondaga Lake at Liverpool	: 285	: 4.7	: (3)
Otisco Lake at Otisco Lake Dam	: 43 :	: 3.5 :	: (5) :
Owasco Lake near Auburn	: 205	: 10.6	: (6)
Seneca Lake at Watkins Glen	: 704 :	: 67.6 :	: (3) :
Skaneateles Lake at Skaneateles	: 72.7 :	: 13.6 :	: (7) :
	: :	: :	: :

- (1) Includes lake surface area.
- (2) Water supply, City of Canandaigua and Villages of Newark and Palmyra.
- (3) New York State Barge Canal.
- (4) Operated for regulation of flow in Keuka Outlet for Power.
- (5) Water supply, Onondaga County Water Authority.
- (6) Water supply, City of Auburn.
- (7) Water supply, City of Syracuse.

In addition to those listed, many small ponds are operated for water supply and recreation.

#### Rivers

The Seneca River, which is the largest tributary of the Oswego River, is 62 miles long and has a drainage area of 3,458 square miles.

It flows in a northeasterly direction from Seneca Lake to the community of Three Rivers. The river is canalized throughout, with its fall of 82 feet having been concentrated at five dams equipped with locks. Three of these locks, whose combined lift equals 63.5 feet, are in the 11 miles between Seneca Lake and Seneca Falls. Above Seneca Falls, the dam at Waterloo controls the level of Seneca Lake; below Seneca Falls, the dam at Mud Lock controls the level of Cayuga Lake.

The Clyde River, largest of the Seneca River tributaries, is formed by the junction of Canandaigua Outlet and Ganargua Creek at Lyons, 19 miles above the Seneca River. The total drainage area is 895 square miles, of which 309 are drained by Ganargua Creek and 445 by Canandaigua Outlet.

The Oneida River combines with the Seneca River at Three Rivers to form the Oswego River. It has a drainage area of 1,474 square miles. It is 18 miles long and meanders in a westerly direction from Oneida Lake to Three Rivers. Parts of the river have been canalized and combined with land cuts across bends to form a 9-mile long canal between the same points.

The Oswego River is formed by the junction of the Seneca and Oneida Rivers at Three Rivers. From this junction it flows 23 miles northwest to Lake Ontario at the City of Oswego. The river has been canalized and has a fall of 188 feet concentrated at seven sites by dams and locks.

#### Areas Subject to Flooding

The areas subject to flooding along the Barge Canal and the lake outlets are shown on Plates 38 through 52. Plate 3 is an index map that shows the location of these flooded area maps. Primary flooding in the Oswego River Basin occurs at headwater areas where the



tributary drainage area is 200 square miles or less. Stream slopes are steep resulting in unusually high velocities. This type of flooding occurs over large sections of the basin in springtime due to the addition of snowmelt. Highest peaks occur in the summer over small areas that are affected by localized storms. Principal damage is to agricultural and pasture land.

Flood stages in the lakes are reduced due to their regulation, but remain for a longer period of time. Principal damage is to docks, marinas, and cottages. Towns at the inlets and outlets of the lakes are generally built up, and most of the damage is to low lying recreational and commercial establishments.

Flooding is usually severe at the confluence of lake outlets with the Barge Canal. Here overland flooding extends primarily to some of the most productive agricultural areas in New York State.

A detailed map of the Seneca River Watershed in New York State. The map shows the Seneca River flowing from the north towards the south, with its major tributaries including Cayuga Lake, Seneca Lake, and various smaller lakes and streams. The map includes county boundaries for Wayne, Seneca, Yates, Schuyler, Tompkins, and Cortland. Major cities and towns are marked, including Rochester, Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Ithaca, and others. A scale bar at the bottom indicates distances in miles (0 to 15). A north arrow is located on the left side of the map.

# PLATE

OSWEGO

FULTON

PHOENIX

THREE RIVERS

ONEIDA RIVER

BREWERTON

SENECA RIVER  
BALDWINSVILLE

SENECA RIVER  
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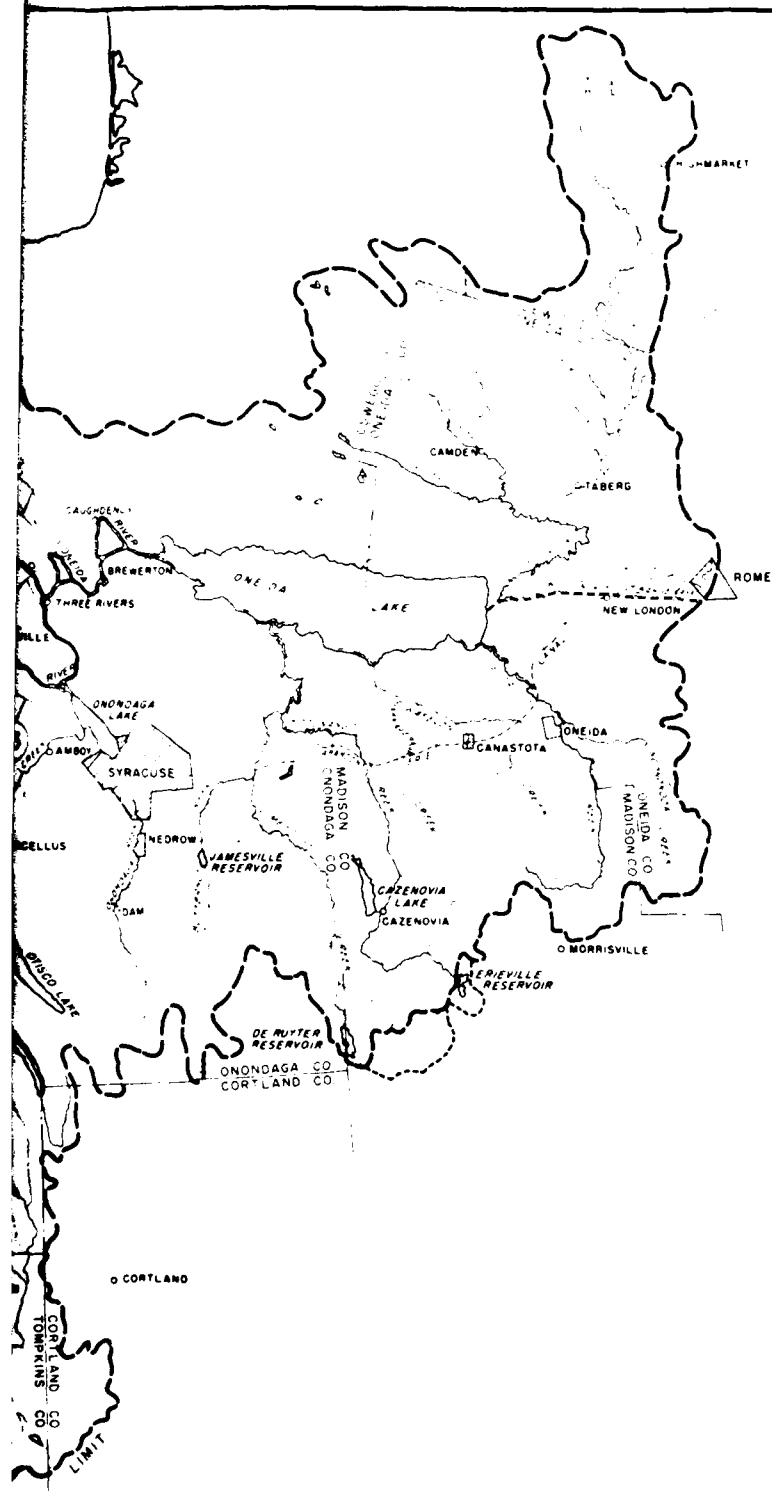
SENECA RIVER  
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN

## INDEX OF FLOODED AREA MAPS

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## DAMAGES

After the flood, Buffalo District personnel were sent into the field to assess the amounts and types of flood damage and obtain high water marks and other pertinent data. Extensive interviewing of residential, and commercial units were performed where possible. Because many of the units along the various waterways of the Oswego River Basin, including the Finger Lakes, are seasonal, some difficulty was encountered in contacting the owners of the homes. Public damage estimates were made by inspection of damage survey reports prepared for OEP and by interviewing various public officials and Government agencies. Detailed damage analyses were performed for reaches along the New York State Barge Canal and for the various lakes. Total estimated damages for the Oswego River Basin are listed in Table 2. Agricultural damage estimates were prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. The limits of the agricultural and non-agricultural damage reaches are shown on Plates 4 and 5, respectively.

### Agricultural Damages

The Oswego River Basin had the heaviest total crop damages reported by the County Disaster Committees in the Buffalo District area. Of these, the greatest damages due to inundation occurred in the intensively cropped mucklands in central New York. The worst of these damages occurred along the Seneca River and tributaries in the Savannah-Montezuma area of Wayne, Cayuga, and Seneca Counties, where the dikes failed or were overtopped. The potato crop loss alone in this area was estimated at \$4,000,000; snap beans \$800,000; and corn \$375,000 (gross market values).

Table 2. - Total Estimated Damage from June 1972 Flood in the Oswego River Basin

Location	: Residential :	: Commercial :	: Public and : Agricultural :	Total
	: \$ :	: \$ :	: Other (1) : (2) :	: \$ :
Barge Canal	: 959,000	: 611,000	: 546,000	: 2,116,000
Canandaigua Lake	: 308,000	: 1,152,000	: 49,000	: Included : 1,509,000
Cayuga Lake	: 614,000	: 825,000	: 268,000	: 1,707,000
Keuka Lake	: 722,000	: 392,000	: 109,000	: in : 1,223,000
Oneida Lake	: 664,000	: 777,000	: 59,000	: 1,500,000
Onondaga Lake	: -	: -	: 375,000	: County : 375,000
Otisco Lake	: 29,000	: -	: 52,000	: 81,000
Owasco Lake	: 167,000	: 6,000	: 42,000	: Totals : 215,000
Seneca Lake	: 417,000	: 657,000	: 364,000	: 1,438,000
Skaneateles Lake	: 77,000	: 68,000	: 23,000	: 168,000
Cayuga County	:	:	: 3,492,000	: 4,469,000 : 7,961,000
Chemung County	: Included in	:	: 92,000	: 68,000 : 160,000
Madison County	:	:	: 344,000	: 3,738,000 : 4,082,000
Oneida County	: the	:	: 384,000	: 211,000 : 595,000
Onondaga County	:	:	: 768,000	: 1,685,000 : 2,453,000
Ontario County	: Lake and Barge	:	: 699,000	: 5,546,000 : 6,245,000
Oswego County	:	:	: 65,000	: 2,140,000 : 2,205,000
Schuyler County	: Canal Totals	:	: 651,000	: 452,000 : 1,103,000
Seneca County	:	:	: 53,000	: 1,220,000 : 1,273,000
Stueben County	:	:	: 897,000	: 507,000 : 1,404,000
Tompkins County	:	:	: 1,217,000	: 445,000 : 1,662,000
Wayne County	:	:	: 14,000	: 6,025,000 : 6,039,000
Yates County	:	:	: 1,109,000	: 4,027,000 : 5,136,000
TOTAL	: 3,957,000	: 4,488,000	: 11,672,000	: 30,533,000 : 50,650,000

(1) Includes damage reported to OEP.

(2) Furnished by U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. Includes damages due to inundation and extensive loss of field and cash crops due to excessive rain.

Other muck areas were also severely damaged. At Port Byron, one grower estimated his loss at \$150,000, mostly potatoes; the Potter muck on Flint Creek, with potatoes, carrots, cabbage, a turf crop valued at \$200,000 and field corn almost completely wiped out; Six Mile Creek and Black Creek in Oswego County suffered loss of the lettuce and broccoli crops. Madison County reported loss of potatoes and onions on muckland areas.

The majority of the livestock losses occurred along Seneca River in Cayuga County and Fish Creek and Mad River in Oneida County. Machinery and equipment losses occurred principally in Cayuga County reaches of the Seneca River and in Ontario County along Flint Creek.

The principal counties in amount of crop damages in this basin are Wayne, Ontario, Yates, Cayuga, and Madison Counties. These counties also reported the major land damages which include erosion, sediment deposition, and filling of ditches and outlets with debris and sediment. Cayuga, Wayne, and Ontario Counties reported the greatest land damages.

Cortland and Lewis Counties have only very small areas in the headwaters of the basin and reported no specific damages.

#### The Savannah-Montezuma Mucklands

The June 1972 flood overtopped and broke through the dikes on the South and East Muck at Savannah and the Lopez Muck to the west. Crop losses were heavy. Water depths over the muck were estimated to be 5 to 7 feet for several days. Not all of the muckland is diked, however.

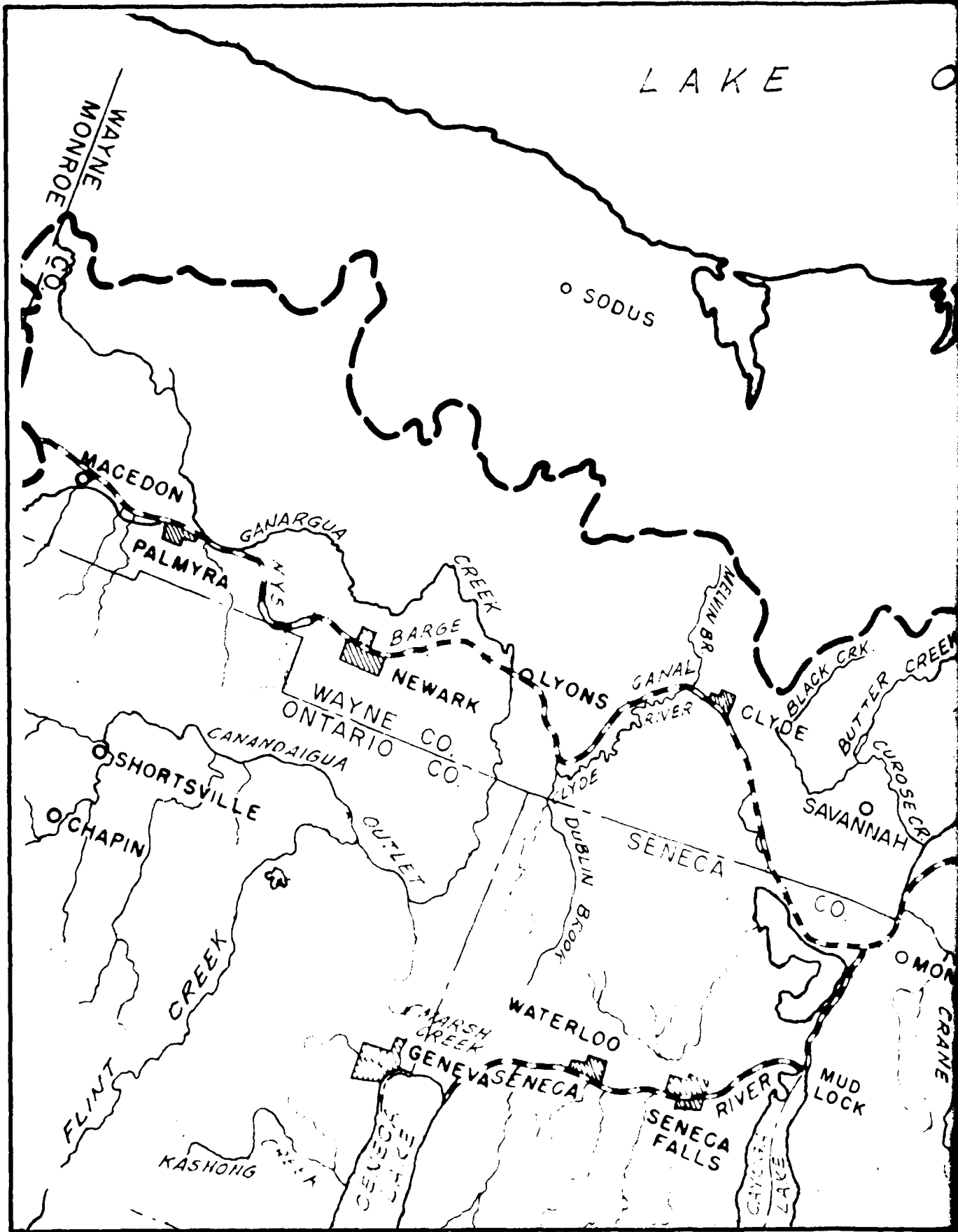
The value of the crops lost in this area was estimated locally at over \$5 million, based on the potential gross market value. This does

not discount for saved costs, such as harvest, storage and marketing costs, so it does not reflect the net loss to the producer. The gross market value does, however, indicate the impact on the overall economy of the area. Had a normal crop been harvested, the spending for the labor and services involved in harvesting, storage and marketing would have entered the local circulation.

Total agricultural damages for the Oswego River Basin are tabulated in Table 3.

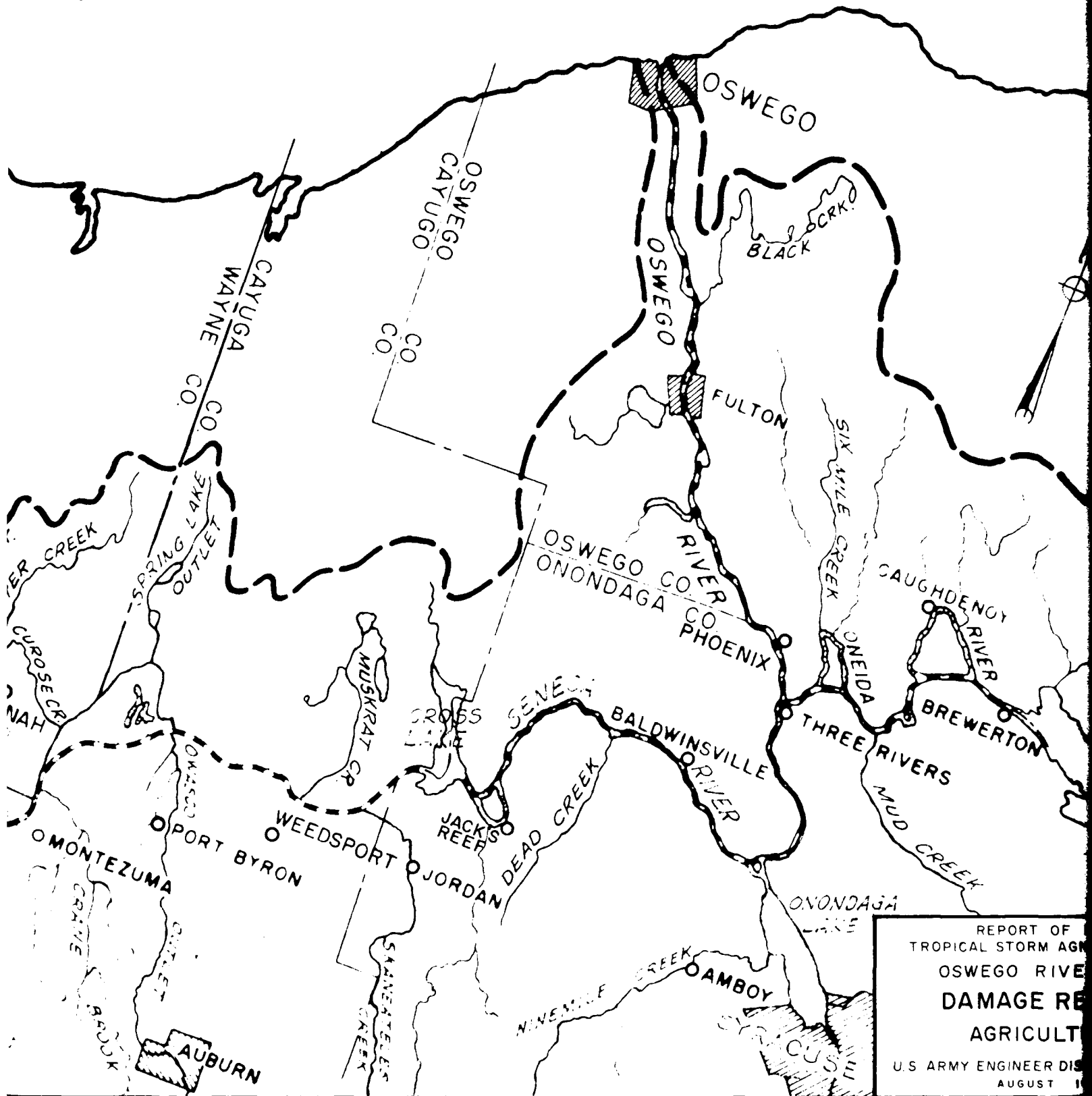
Table 3. - Total Estimated Agricultural Damage from the June 1972 Flood in the Oswego River Basin

County	Totals	Crops	Land	Buildings	Livestock	Fences	Machinery and Equipment
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cayuga	4,469,000	3,000,000	1,300,000	45,000	10,000	19,000	95,000
Chemung	68,000	50,000	10,000	5,000	-	1,000	2,000
Cortland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lewis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madison	3,738,000	2,987,000	750,000	-	1,000	-	-
Oneida	211,000	100,000	100,000	-	10,000	1,000	-
Onondaga	1,685,000	1,460,000	210,000	10,000	1,000	4,000	-
Ontario	5,546,000	4,500,000	1,000,000	-	-	18,000	28,000
Oswego	2,140,000	1,950,000	190,000	-	-	-	-
Schuyler	452,000	400,000	50,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Seneca	1,220,000	1,100,000	118,000	-	-	2,000	-
Steuben	507,000	300,000	200,000	5,000	-	2,000	-
Tompkins	445,000	440,000	4,000	-	-	1,000	-
Wayne	6,025,000	5,000,000	1,000,000	25,000	-	-	-
Yates	4,027,000	3,395,000	600,000	31,000	-	1,000	-
TOTAL	30,533,000	24,682,000	5,532,000	121,000	22,000	50,000	126,000



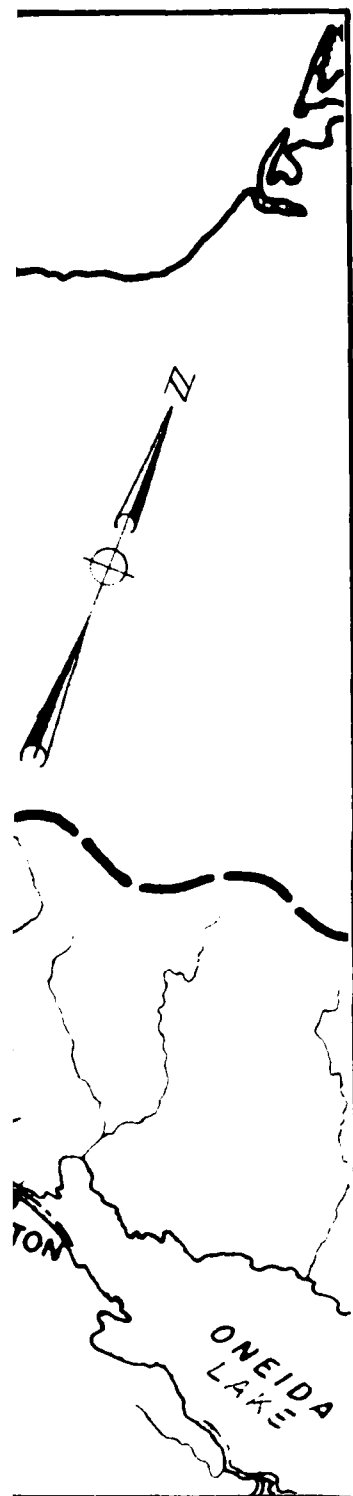


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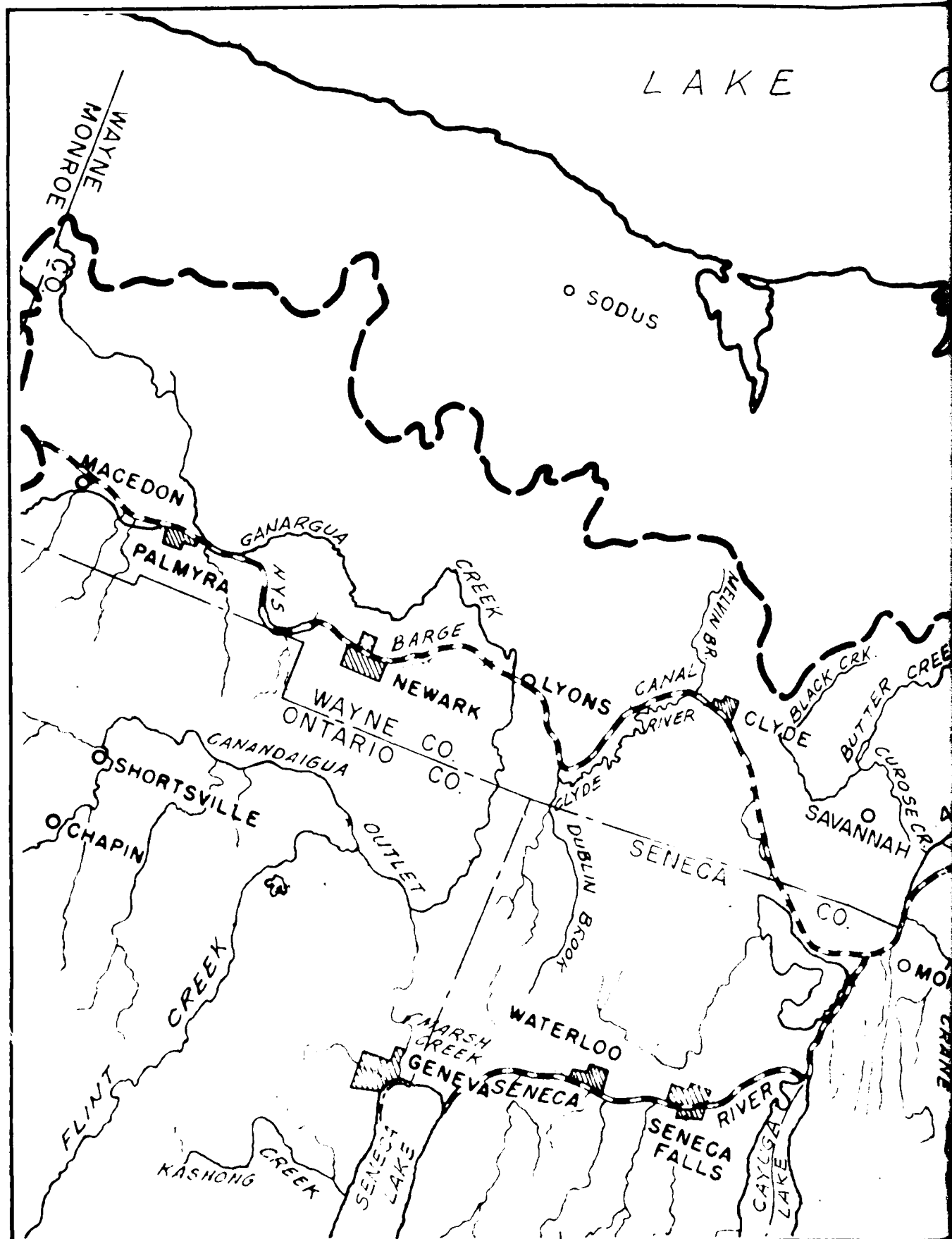


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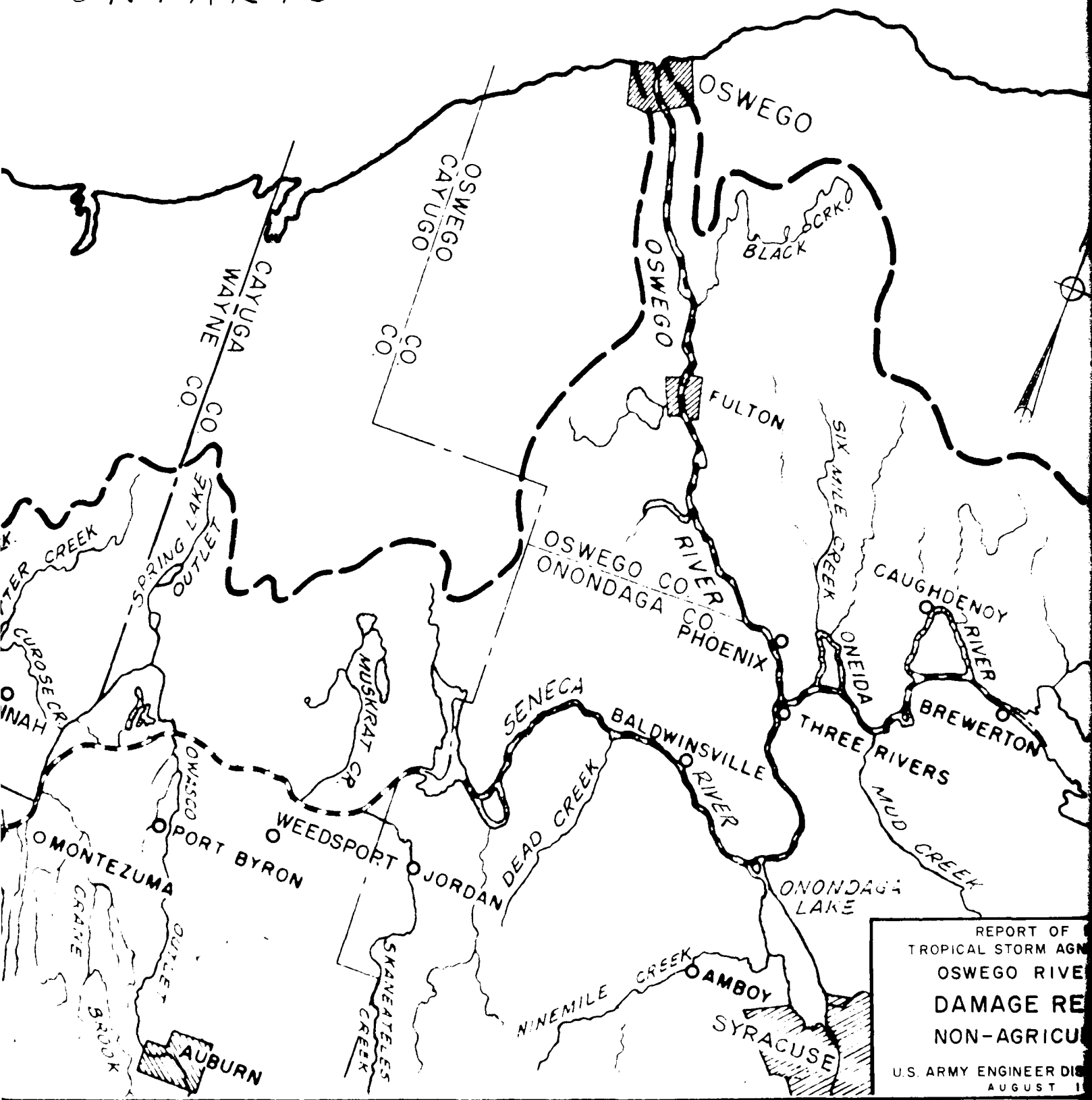
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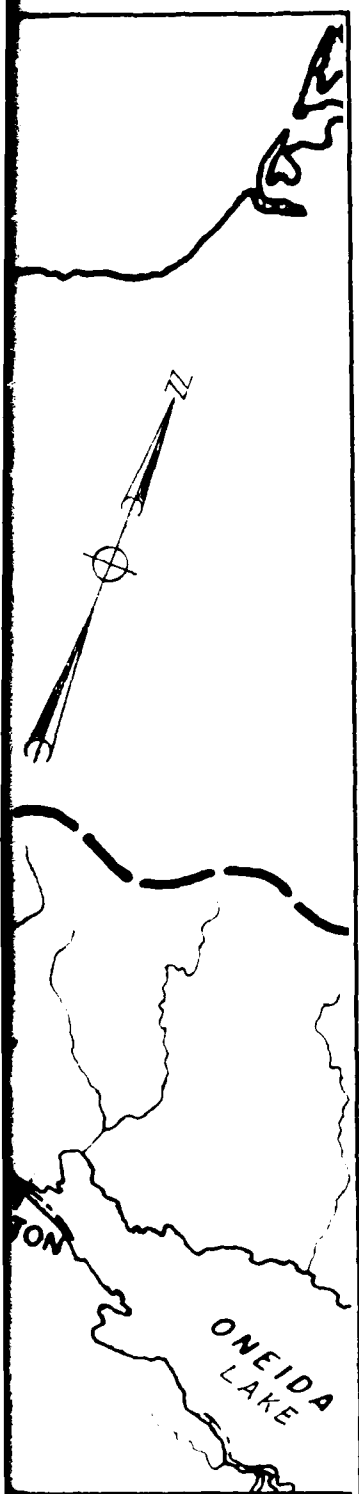


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## CLIMATOLOGY

### Major Storms

Flooding may occur in the Oswego River Basin at anytime of the year. High flows occur nearly every spring from a combination of snowmelt and rainfall. Summer storms usually affect small portions of the basin. Floods in the basin are of three types. The first type occurs in the headwaters of the basin and has relatively high peaks of short duration. The second and third types of flooding are inter-related. The second type of flooding occurs on the lakes and controlled canal reaches. The duration of flooding is usually for several days. The third type of flooding occurs downstream of the lakes. The peaks are usually low and of long duration due to upstream regulations of control structures. The latter two flood types usually occur in the spring.

Available meteorological data of record storms over the Oswego River Basin are listed in Table 4.

Table 4. - Storms of Record

<u>Storm Period</u>	<u>Average Precipitation (inches)</u>
7-8 July 1935	5.2 inches
27-31 December 1942	4.2 inches
13-19 October 1955	4.4 inches
21-26 June 1972	5.8 inches

Storm of July 1935 - Prior to Agnes, this flood caused the greatest damage of any single flood. Primary damage areas were in the headwaters of the western part of the basin, but record levels were reached in Seneca and Cayuga Lakes. Monthly rainfall from 9 to 16 inches was reported at 18 stations in the central lakes areas. Plate 6 shows the isohyetal maps of 7-8 July rainfall with an average of 5.2 inches during the two-day period.

Storm of December 1942 - Heavy rainfall on snow covered frozen ground resulted in severe flooding over most of the Oswego River Basin.

Plate 7 shows the isohyetal pattern for the period 27-31 December 1942. Average basin precipitation for the storm was 4.2 inches.

Storm of October 1955 - Record setting precipitation fell over the western and central sections of the Oswego River Basin. Monthly precipitation exceeded 20 inches at a number of stations. Plate 8 shows the precipitation for the period 13-17 October 1955. Average basin precipitation was 4.4 inches.

Storm of 20-25 June 1972 ("Agnes") - The most destructive, widespread flooding of record over the eastern United States was the result of a tropical depression that developed near Cozumel, off the Yucatan Coast of Mexico on the 15th of June. This depression was to intensify and become Hurricane "Agnes" by the time its center hit the Florida Panhandle on the afternoon of 19 June. Moving northeast through Georgia and South Carolina, "Agnes" soon weakened to depression stage. This large, weak depression produced torrential rains in the Carolina mountains on the 20th. Continuing on its northeasterly path, "Agnes" was rejuvenated to tropical storm stage as it moved closer to the Atlantic near Norfolk, Virginia, on 21 June. Over the Atlantic, the moisture-laden Gulf air in Agnes was replenished. Late on the 22nd, the storm center veered westerly and passed over the Southern Tier of New York State where it was absorbed by a broad, deep extra-tropical low pressure system. This large system continued to dominate the weather over the northeast for the next several days. Plate 11 shows the path of "Agnes" from 19-26 June 1972. The result of this activity was very heavy rains over most of the northeast. The maximum recorded total storm rainfall was 16.00 inches with a maximum daily rainfall of 13.5 inches on the 22nd at York, PA. York, PA, is approximately 160 miles south of the Oswego River Basin. During the week prior to tropical storm "Agnes," moderate rainfall occurred over

the State of New York. Approximately 1.5 inches of rainfall occurred from 14-20 June on the Oswego River Basin. Consequently, above normal soil moisture content increased and accelerated runoff.

Tropical storm "Agnes" and associated weather systems caused heavy rainfall starting on the morning of the 21st, in the Oswego River Basin. By noon of the 21st, 2 inches of rainfall had fallen over most sections of the basin. Heaviest rainfall occurred in the southwestern and northeastern corners of the basin. The predominant portion of the rainfall occurred from 6 a.m. of the 21st to midnight of the 22nd of June. Occasional showers continued through the 25th of June. In the Oswego River Basin the maximum recorded total storm rainfall was 9.91 inches at Hector, NY, and the maximum daily amount was 5.37 inches on the 22nd at Camden, NY. A "bucket survey" of the Oswego River Basin by the Buffalo District personnel shows that there were a number of local areas with rainfall in excess of ten inches.

Three and six-day isohyetal maps for the basin were obtained using National Weather Service (N.W.S.) data and the most reliable bucket survey data. The isohyets were drawn with emphasis placed on the N.W.S. data (see plates 9 and 10). Table 5 shows the N.W.S. data used, the greatest daily, three-day and six-day rainfall for each station. These figures cannot be compared directly as the times of the observation at the various stations were not recorded simultaneously. Average basin rainfall for three and six-day periods are 5.4 inches and 5.8 inches, respectively.

A mass rainfall analysis was done for selected rainfall stations within the Oswego River Basin. Plate 12 shows these curves. Comparative rainfall intensities can be seen over various sections of the basin.



Table 5. - Precipitation for the 21-26 June 1972 Storm

Station	County	Greatest Day Inches	21-23 June 3-Day (Inches)	21-26 June 6-Day (Inches)
Arnot Lodge	Schuyler	N/A	5.88	5.93
Aurora Research Farm	Cayuga	3.25 : 22	5.99	6.84
Baldwinsville	Onondaga	1.54 : 22	2.87	4.05
Bath	Steuben	3.90 : 23	9.22	9.65
Bennett Bridge	Oswego	2.34 : 22	3.22	3.97
Boonville (2 SSW)	Oneida	2.22 : 22	3.80	4.01
Bradford (1 NW)	Steuben	4.72 : 22	9.19	9.62
Brewerton Lock 23	Onondaga	1.75 : 22	3.56	4.12
Camden (2 NW)	Oneida	5.37 : 22	7.02	8.25
Canastota	Madison	3.01 : 22	4.02	4.23
Canandaigua (3 S)	Ontario	N/A	4.02	4.11
Cayuga Lock 1	Cayuga	1.39 : 22	3.38	3.80
Clyde Lock 26	Wayne	1.60 : 22	3.63	4.52
Cortland	Cortland	2.41 : 22	4.03	4.63
Dansville	Livingston	3.00 : 23	7.46	7.79
Delta	Oneida	2.90 : 22	3.30	4.32
DeRuyter (4 N)	Madison	3.15 : 22	4.29	4.77
East Bloomfield	Ontario	2.75 : 23	4.67	5.27
Freeville (2 NE)	Tompkins	3.58 : 22	5.28	6.04
Fulton	Oswego	1.74 : 21	3.35	3.62
Geneva Research Farm	Ontario	2.32 : 22	5.35	5.85
Griffiss AFB	Oneida	1.64 : 22	3.75	3.86
Haskinville	Steuben	4.50 : 21	10.22	10.83
Hector	Schuyler	3.56 : 21	9.83	9.91

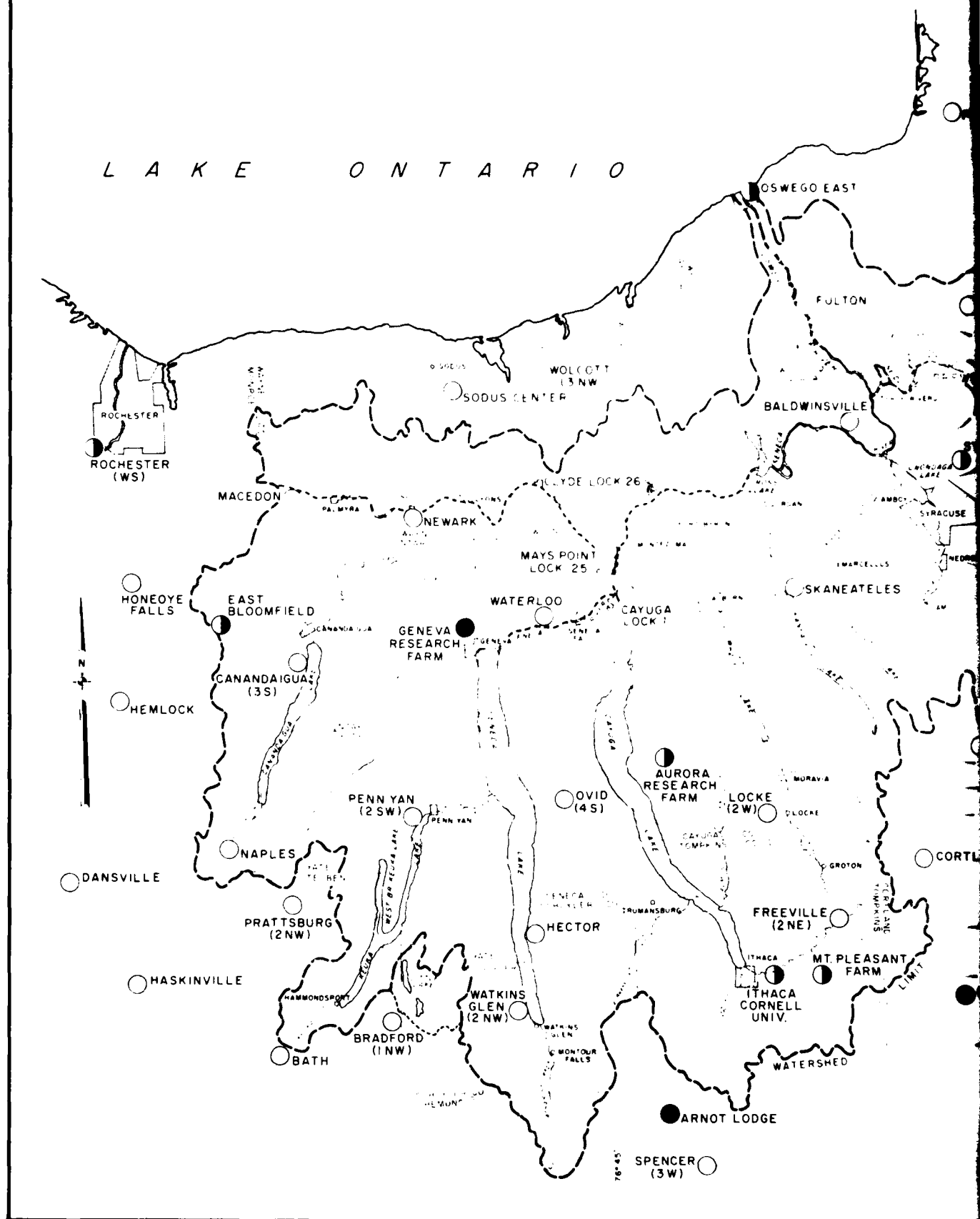
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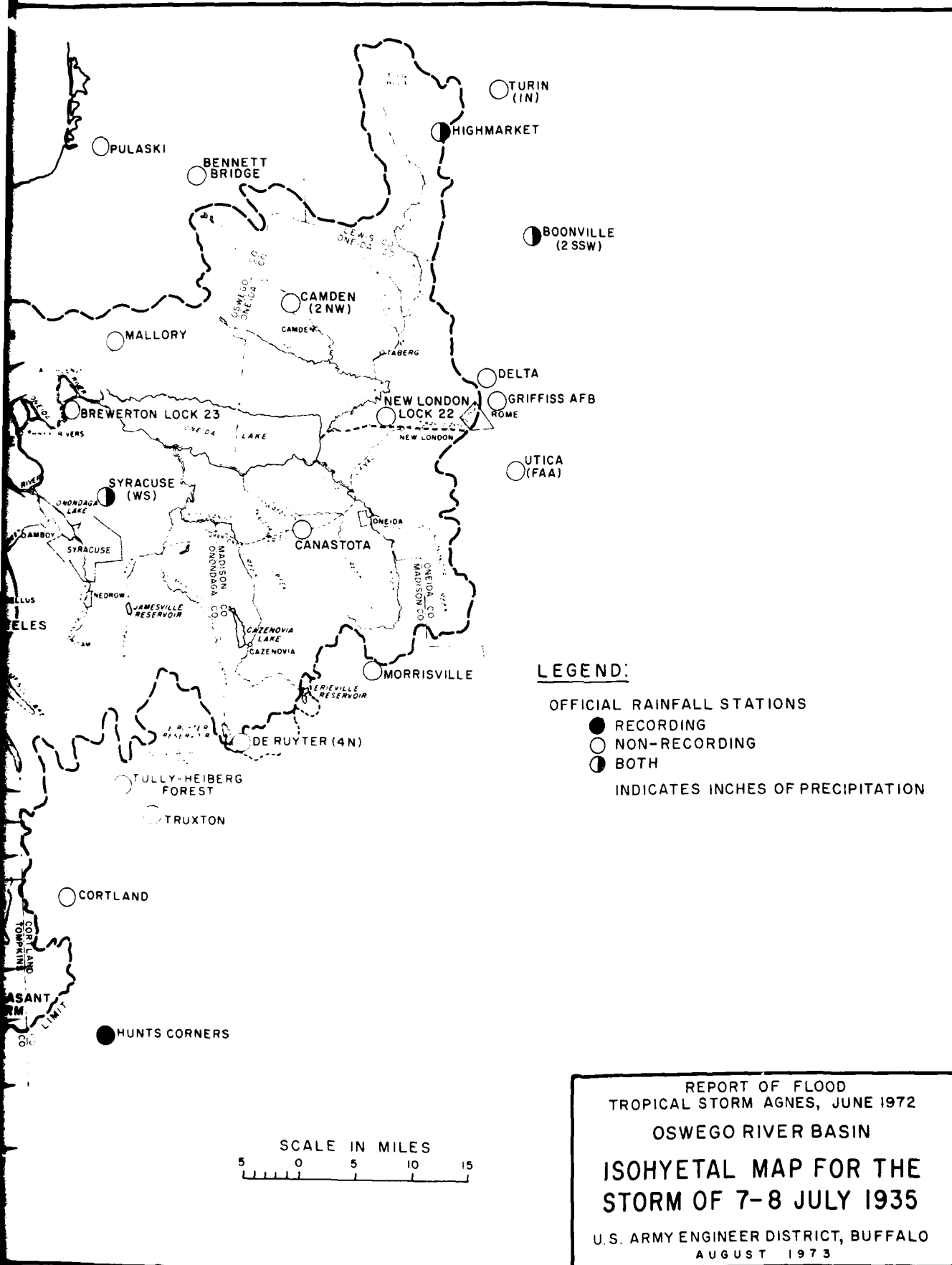
Station	County	Greatest		21-23 June		21-26 June	
		Inches	Day	3-Day	6-Day	3-Day	6-Day
		Inches	Day	(Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)
Hemlock	Livingston	2.85	23	5.59	6.14		
Highmarket	Lewis	5.13	22	6.14	6.75		
Honeoye Falls	Monroe	2.68	23	4.46	4.71		
Hunts Corners	Cortland	2.50	21	5.30	5.50		
Ithaca Cornell U.	Tompkins	3.55	22	6.38	6.72		
Locke (2 W)	Cayuga	3.25	22	5.01	5.81		
Macedon	Wayne	3.25	23	3.38	4.15		
Mallory	Oswego	1.48	21	3.92	4.39		
Mays Point Lock 25	Seneca	1.34	22	3.00	3.32		
Morrisville	Madison	3.86	22	4.34	5.05		
Mt. Pleasant Farm	Tompkins	3.88	23	6.46	7.24		
Naples	Ontario	3.56	23	8.44	8.85		
Newark	Wayne	2.00	22	4.95	5.57		
New London Lock 22	Oneida	4.04	22	4.75	5.38		
Oswego East	Oswego	1.06	21	2.68	2.86		
Ovid (4 S)	Seneca	3.56	23	7.97	8.09		
Penn Yan (2 SW)	Yates	3.75	21	8.47	8.59		
Prattsburg (2 NW)	Steuben	3.69	22	10.10	10.52		
Pulaski	Oswego	1.33	22	3.11	3.30		
Rochester WS	Monroe	2.15	22	3.95	4.12		
Skaneateles	Onondaga	2.78	22	4.96	5.57		
Sodus Center	Wayne	1.70	22	3.81	4.24		
Spencer (3 W)	Chemung	2.79	21	6.30	6.57		
Syracuse WS	Onondaga	3.60	21	5.65	5.72		
Truxton	Cortland	2.67	22	3.90	4.49		
Tully-Heiburg Forest	Cortland	2.21	22	4.48	4.94		

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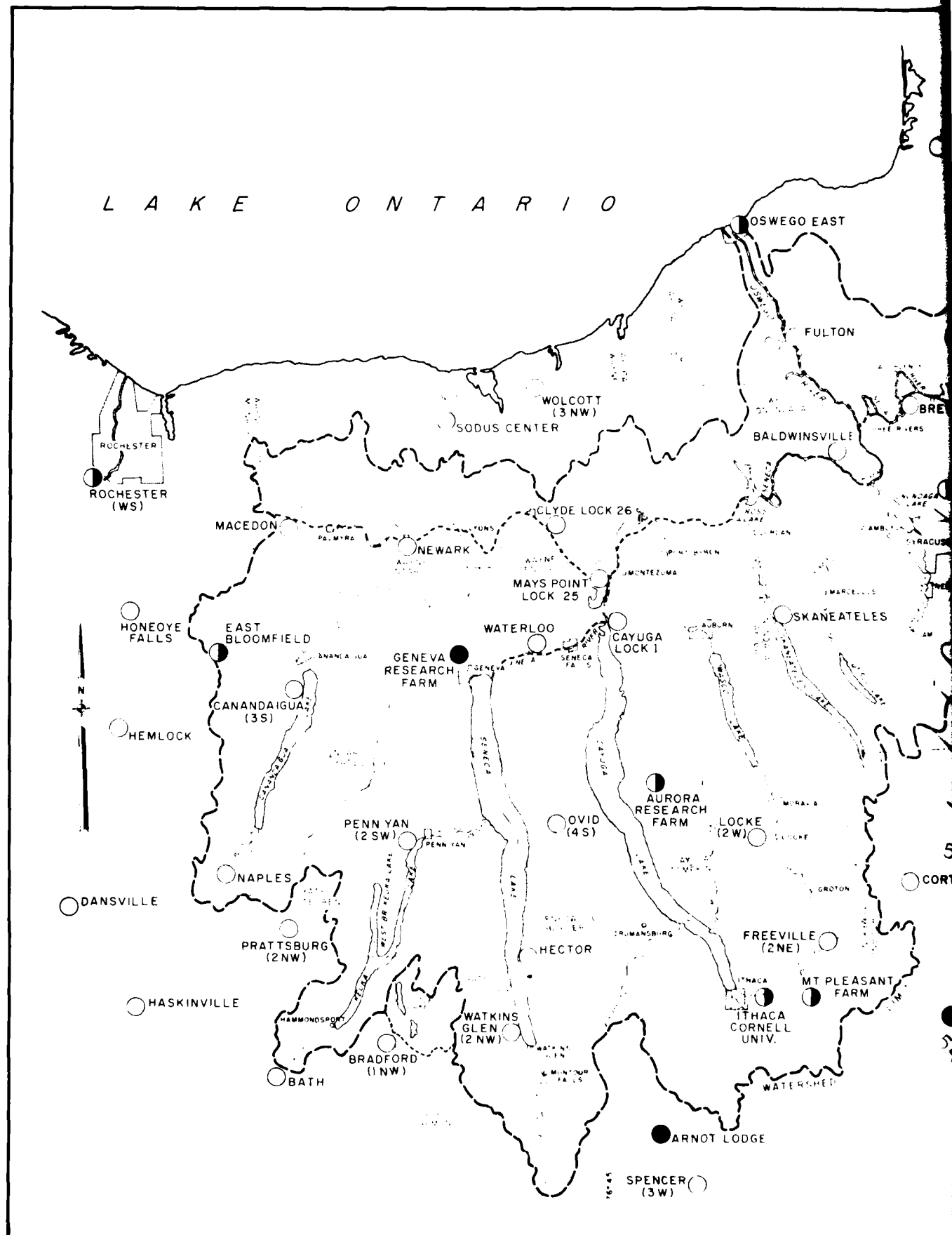
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		Inches	Day	3-Day	(Inches)	6-Day	(Inches)
Turin (1 N)	Lewis	3.75	22	4.31		4.79	
Utica FAA AP	Oneida	1.53	22	4.08		4.39	
Waterloo	Seneca	1.91	22	4.03		4.50	
Watkins Glen (2 NW)	Schuyler	3.10	22	6.51		6.83	
Wolcott (3 NW)	Wayne	1.27	22	2.87		3.77	

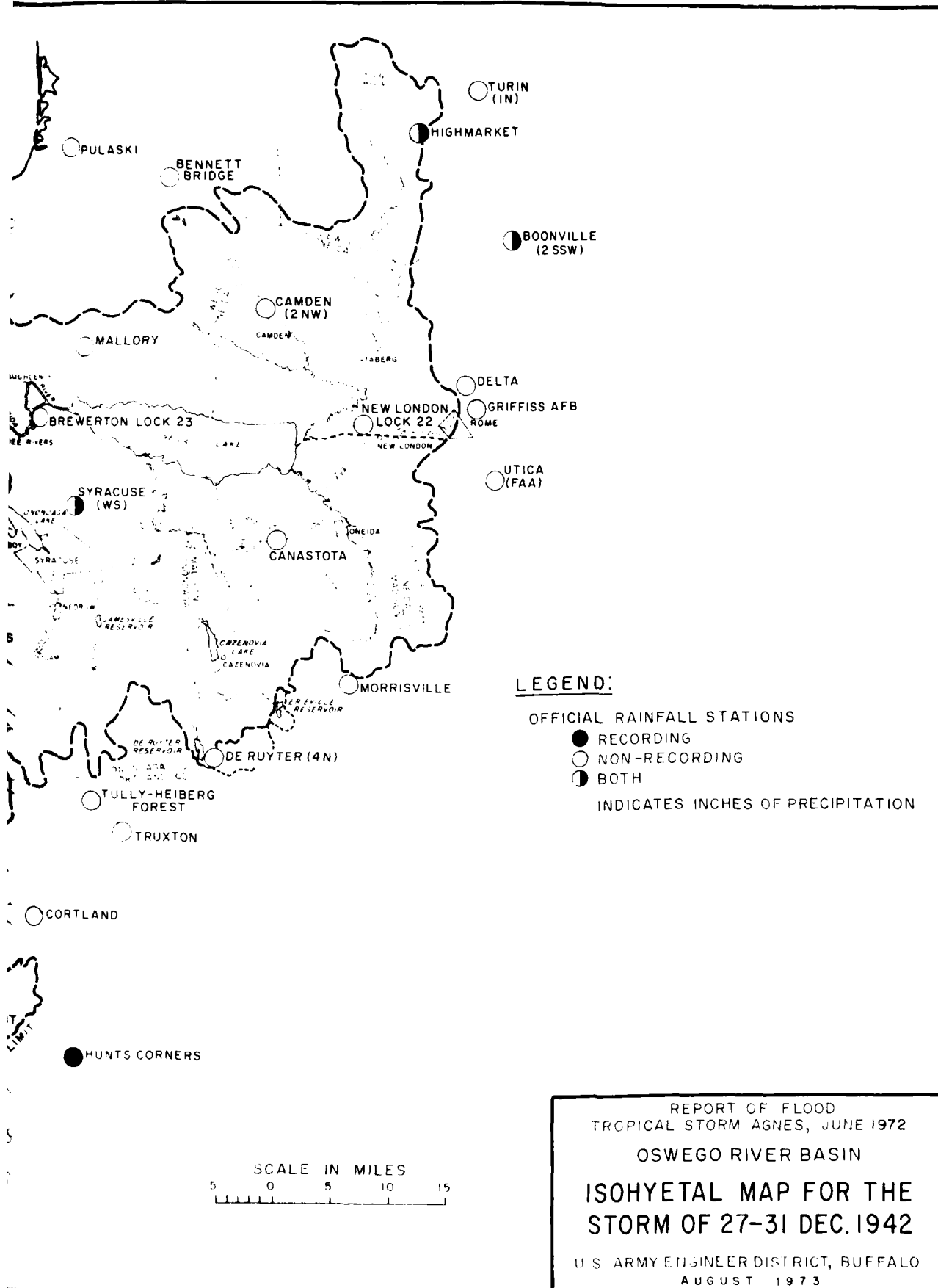
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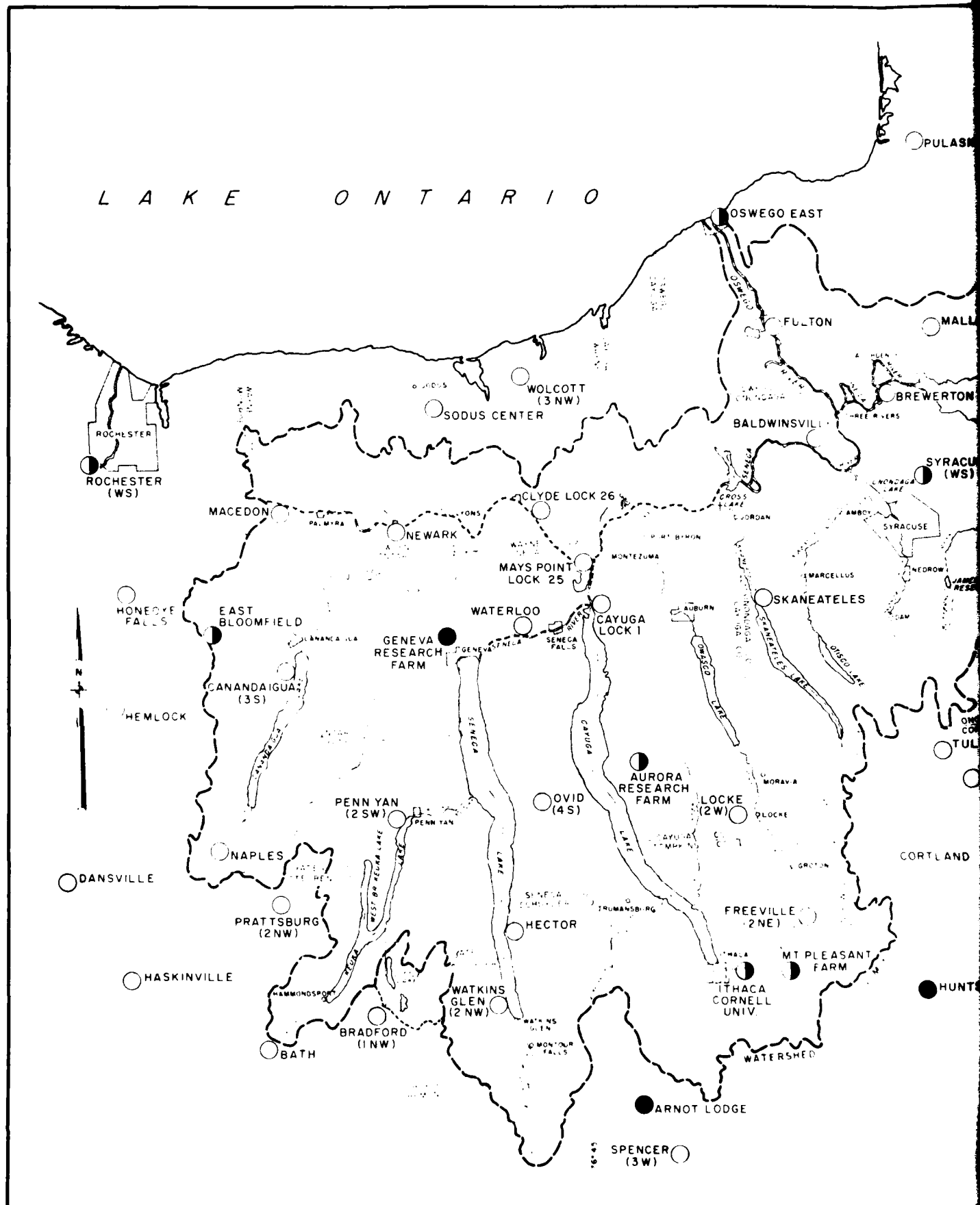




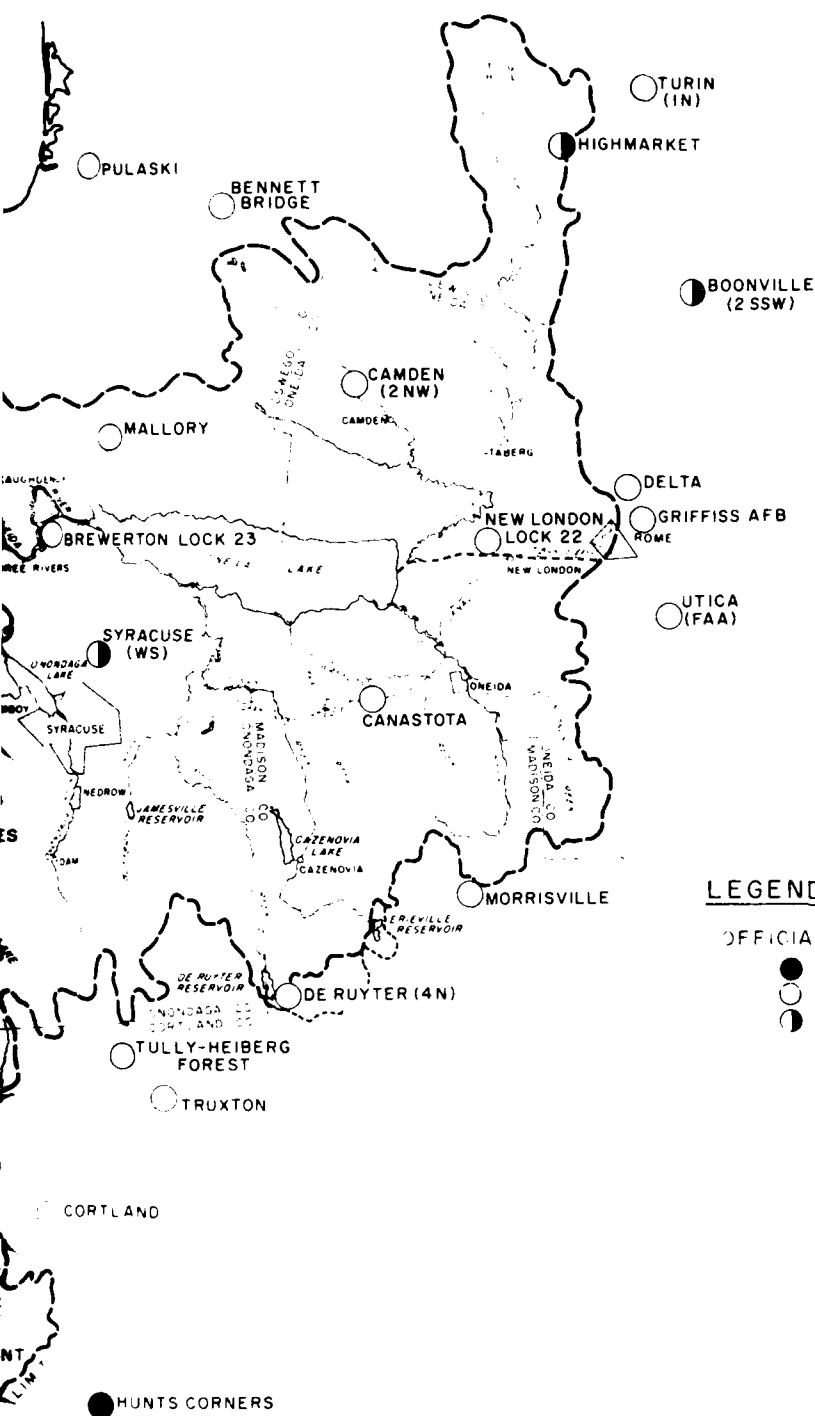
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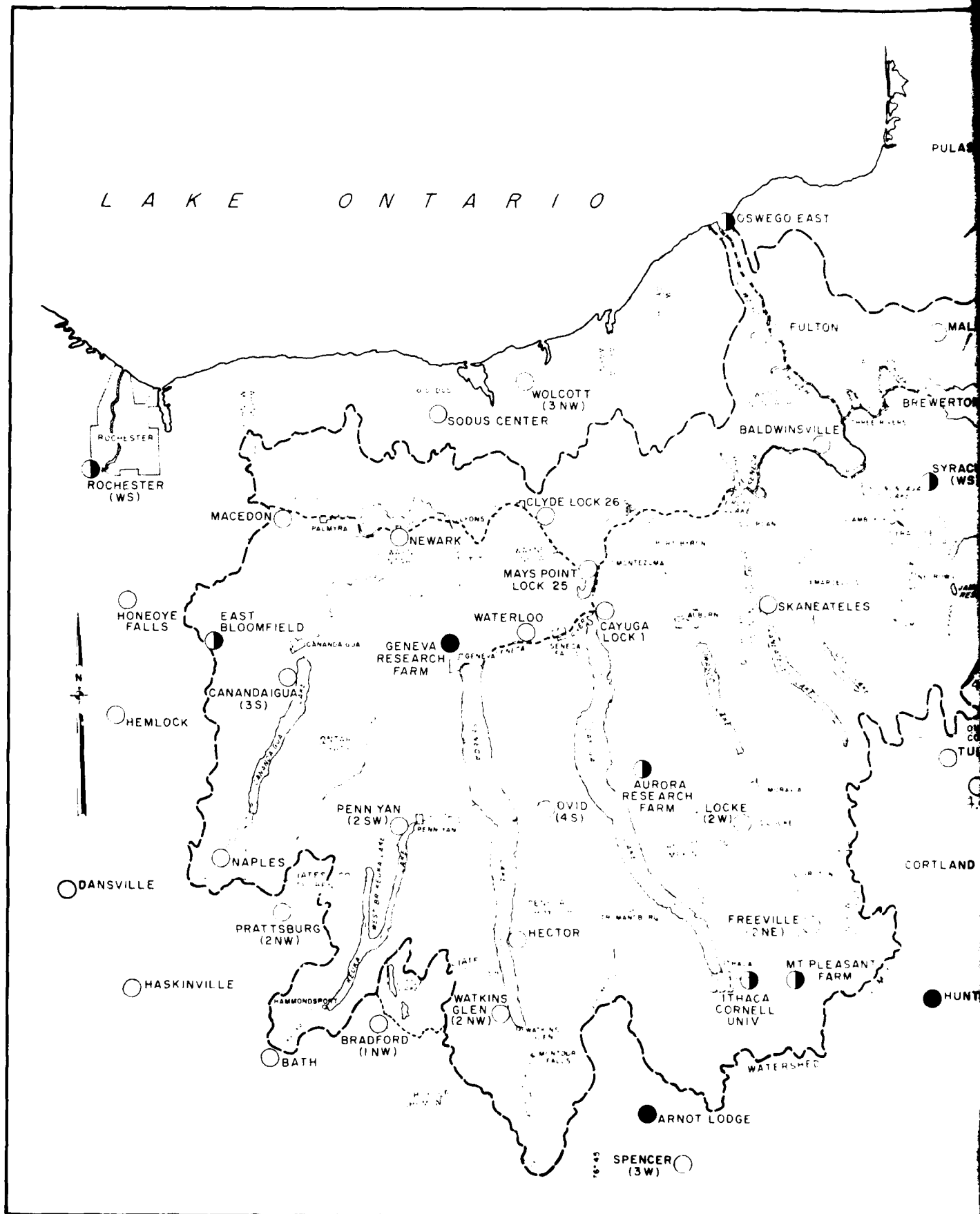
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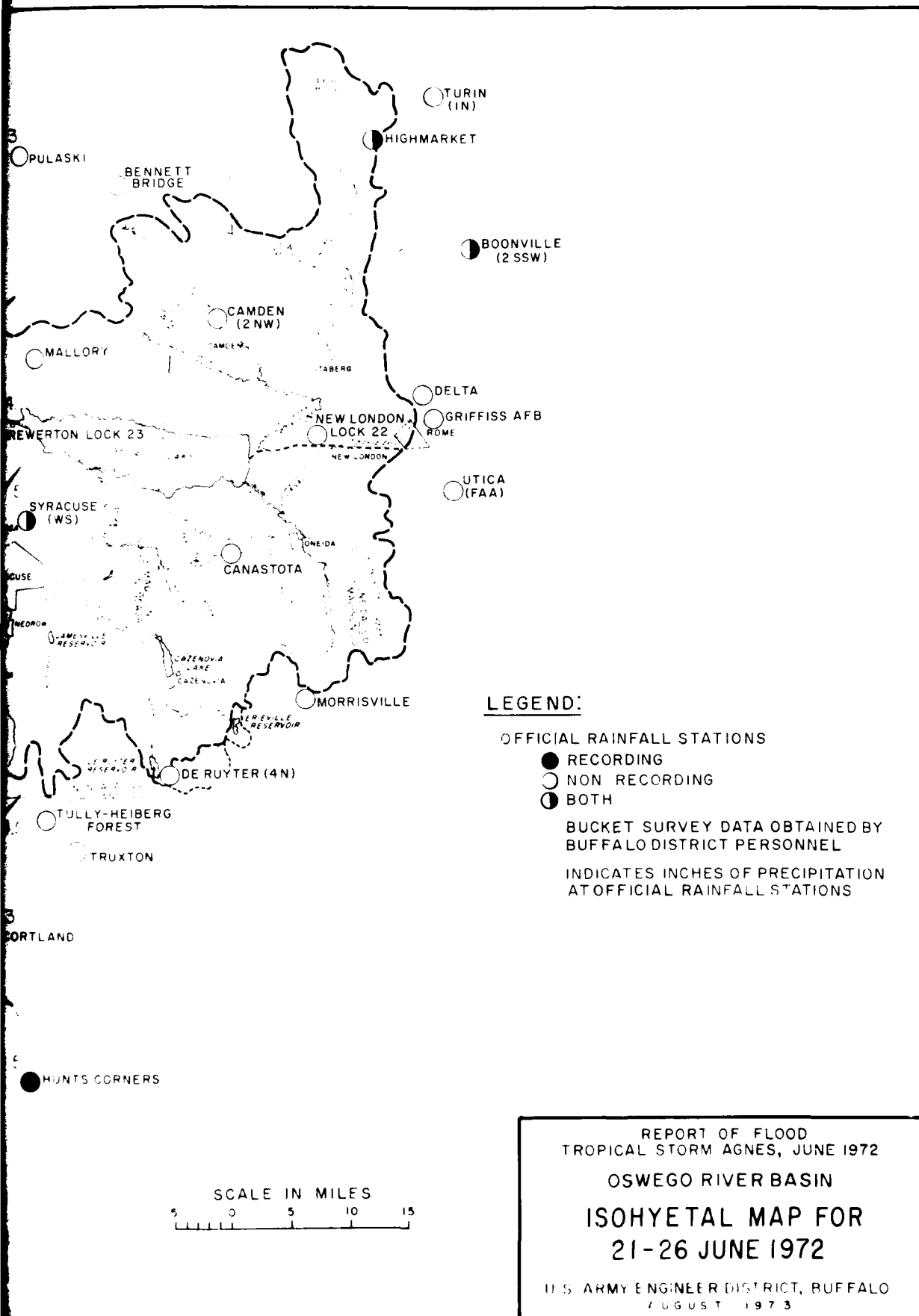
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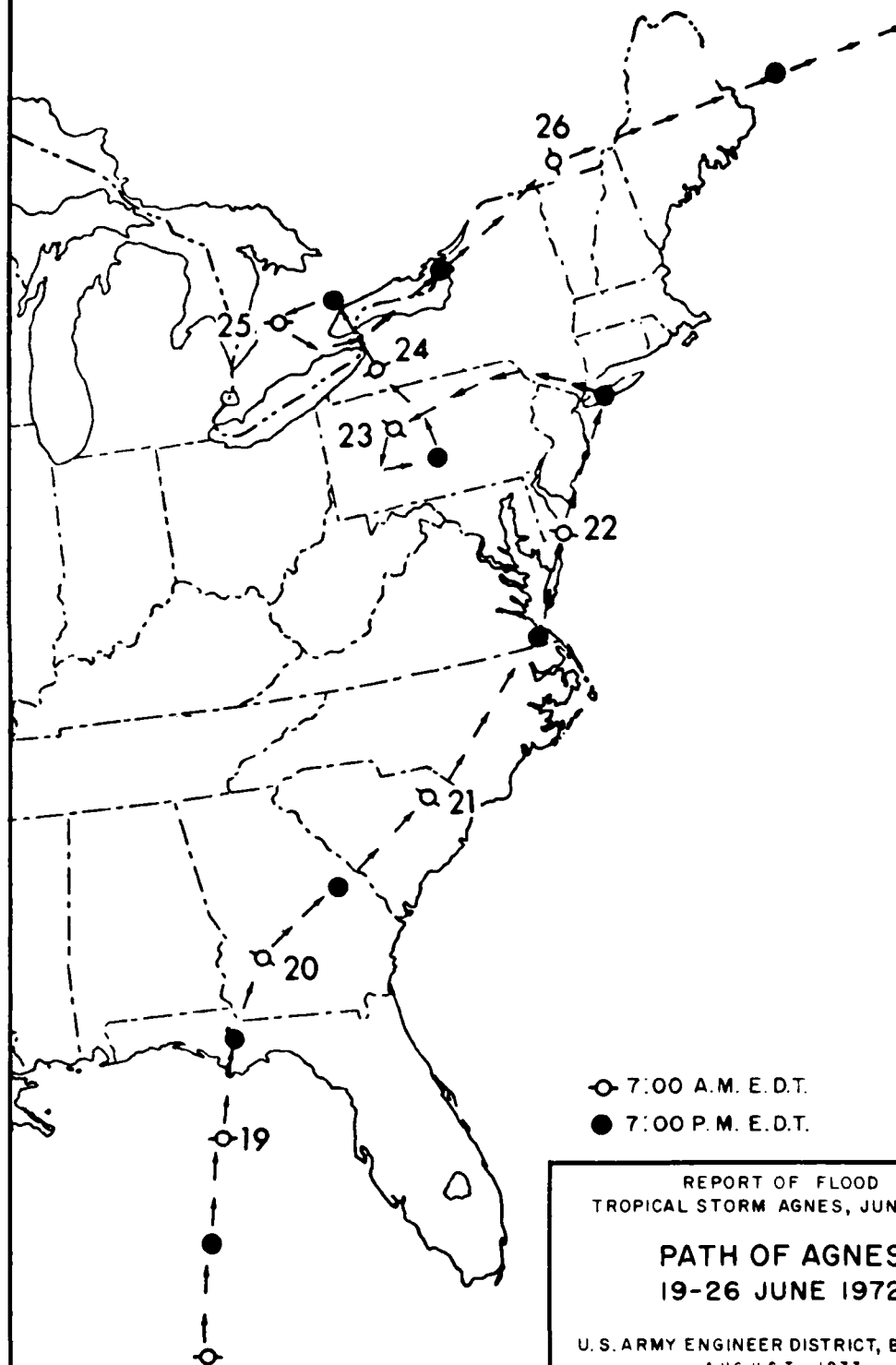


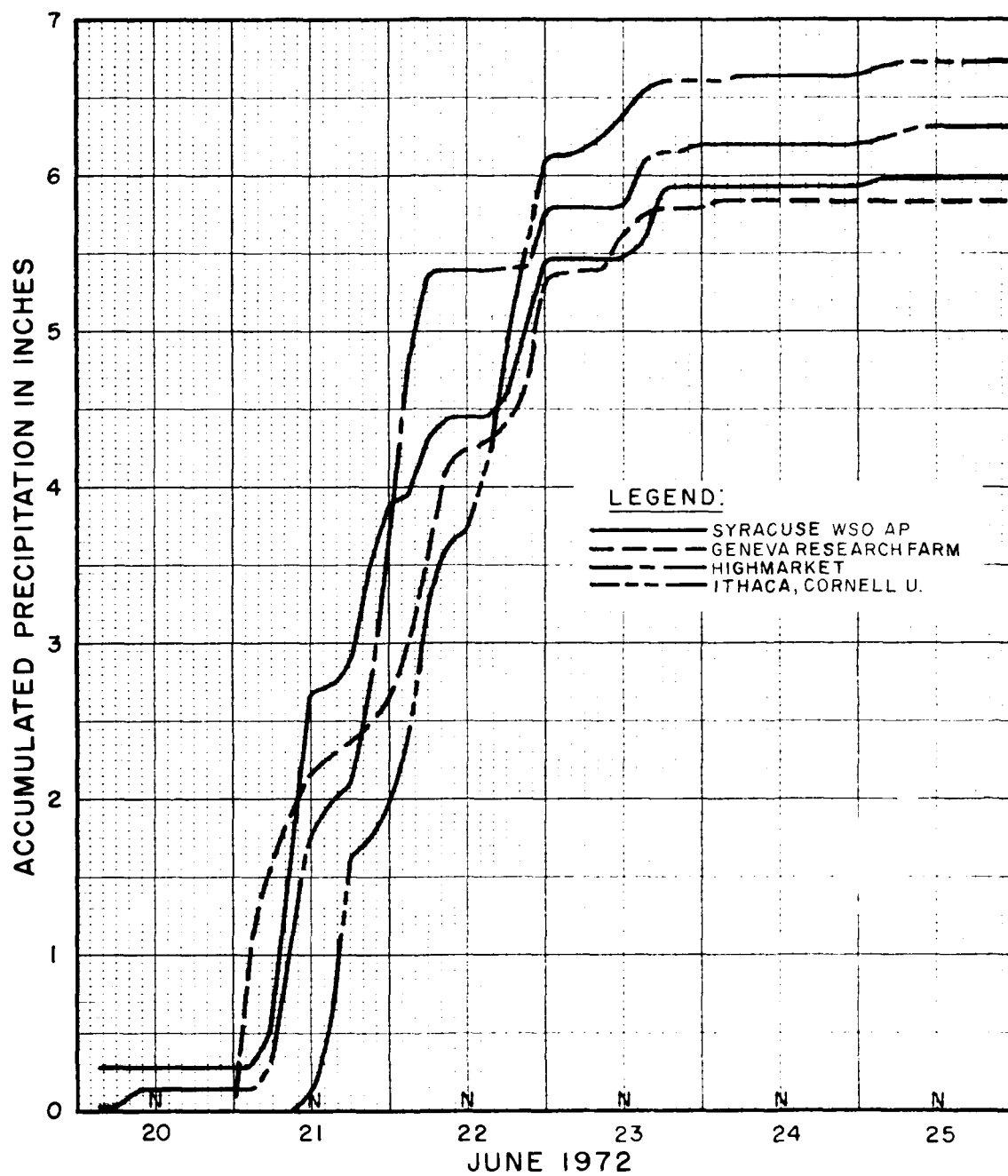






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### FLOOD FLOWS

Flood flow data during Tropical Storm "Agnes" were collected by the United States Geological Survey. Flows were obtained from continuous recording gages, staff gages, and by indirect measurements taken at various location throughout the Oswego River Basin. Plate 13 shows the U.S.G.S. gage locations in the Oswego River Basin. Tables 6 and 7 compare the June 1972 flood peaks to the maximum previously known flood on the Lakes and the Oswego River and selected tributaries respectively, in the basin. Also included in this table are period of record, drainage area in square miles, gage height, and respective dates of occurrence. The June 1972 flood set new maximum flows of record in many portions of the Oswego River Basin. Most of the Finger Lakes had record levels.



Table 6. - Summary of Peak Lake Stages (1)

Lake and Place of Determination:	Drainage Area (sq. mi.)	Period of Record	Maximum		Maximum During	
			Previously Known	Gage	June 1972 Flood	Gage
			Year	Height (ft.)	Day	Height (ft.)
Canandaigua Lake:						
at Canandaigua :	184	:1928-72	: 1956 :	9.54	: 24 :	10.94
Cayuga Lake		:1905-25	: 1916 :	8.4	: 26 :	9.77
at Ithaca :	1,564	:1956-72	: :		: :	
Keuka Lake at						
Hammondsport :	182	:1961-72	: 1961 :	5.79	: 24 :	9.35
Oneida Lake						
at Brewerton :	1,382	:1952-72	: 1960 :	10.69	: 26 :	11.84
Onondaga Lake						
at Liverpool :	285	:1970-72	: 1971 :	8.47	: 30 :	10.26
Otisco Lake						
at Otisco :	43	:1913-72	: 1913 :	788.43 (2):	-	788.97 (2)
Owasco Lake						
near Auburn :	205	:1968-72	: 1971 :	714.20 (2):	25	716.48 (2)
Seneca Lake at						
Watkins Glen :	704	:1957-72	: 1964 :	8.56	: 25 :	10.45
Skaneateles Lake:						
at Skaneateles :	72.7	:1890-1972	: 1922 :	4.5	: 25 :	5.20

(1) From "A Summary of Peak Stages and Discharges in New York for the Flood of June 1972" by Kenneth I. Darmer for the U. S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey Water Resources Division.

(2) Elevations shown are U.S.C. & G.S. Datum.

Table 7. - Summary of Peak Stream Stages and Discharges (1)

Stream and Place of Determination:	Drainage: Area (Sq.Mi.):	Period of Record	Maximum Flood Previously: Known			Maximum During June 1972 Flood		
			Date	Gage Height: (feet):	Discharge (cfs)	Day	Gage Height: (feet):	Discharge (cfs)
Catharine Cr. at Montour Falls	38.2							3,150
Hector Falls Cr. at Burdett	11.8	1935 1971-72:	1935		4,600			1,500
Keuka Lake Outlet at Dresden	207	1965-72:	1971	5.17	2,320	:22	8.38	2,680
Canandaigua Lake Outlet at Chapin	195	1940-72:	1942	4.64	1,100	:24	5.62	1,970
Flint Creek at Potter	31	1964-68: 1971-72:	1964	6.87	920	:23	10.15	1,300
Flint Creek at Phelps	102	1960-72:	1963	6.20	2,940	:24	5.75	2,810
Black Brook at Tyre	19	1966-72:	1966	2.70	258		3.61	430
Owasco Inlet at Moravia	106	1960-68:	1964	12.76	11,600	:23	16.17	-
Owasco Outlet near Auburn	206	1914-72:	1936	4.88	2,090	:23	6.28	3,140
Seneca River at Baldwins- ville	3,136	1950-71:	1960	9.21	17,200	:30	9.21	17,200

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Table 7. - Summary of Peak Stream Stages and Discharges (Cont'd)(1)

				Maximum Flood Previously:			Maximum During		
				Known			June 1972 Flood		
Stream and	Drainage:	Period :	Gage :			Gage :			
Place of	Area :	of :	Height:	Discharge :	Height:Discharge	Height:Discharge			
Determination:	(Sq.Mi.):	Record :	Date :	(feet):	(cfs)	Day:(feet):	(cfs)	(cfs)	
Onondaga Cr.			1960	5.06	7,130				
at Dorwin	88.5	1952-72:	1961	5.11	-	:24	4.80	3,670	
Onondaga Cr.									
at Spencer									
St., Syra-									
cuse	109	1971-72:	1971	6.74	1,640	:23	8.09	3,400	
Harbor Brook									
at Syracuse	9.63	1960-72:	1969	7.13	374	:23	7.45	458	
Harbor Brook									
at Hiawatha									
Blvd., Syr.	11.3	1971-72:	1971	6.17	410	:21	6.55	474	
Nine Mile Cr.									
near Mariet-									
ta	45.5	1965-72:	1971	5.36	343	:22	8.65	1,030	
Nine Mile Cr.									
at Camillus	84.3	1959-72:	1960	8.25	2,760	:23	8.73	1,930	
Nine Mile Cr.									
at Lakeland	115	1971-72:	1971	7.12	1,600	:23	8.58	2,290	
Keshong Cr.									
near Bellona	30.7	1966-72:	1967	3.94	-	-	3.19	2,600	
Kendig Cr.									
near MacDou-									
gall	13.8	1965-72:	1971	6.23	-	-	4.93	400	
Cayuga Inlet									
near Ithaca	36.7	1937-72:	1942	7.58	4,110	:23	8.10	4,900	
Butternut Cr.									
near Ithaca	11.3	1962-69:					9.94	1,060	

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Table 7. - Summary of Peak Stages and Discharges (Cont'd) (1)

Stream and Place of Determination:	Drainage Area (Sq.Mi.):	Period of Record	Maximum Flood Previously: Known		Maximum During June 1972 Flood	
			Gage Height: (feet):	Discharge (cfs)	Gage Height: (feet):	Discharge (cfs)
Cayuga Inlet at Ithaca	86.5	1971-72:	1971 : 10.74	5,200	: 14.6	: 11,800
Coy Glen Cr. at Ithaca	3.55	:	:	:	:	: 516
Sixmile Cr. near Ithaca	42.0	1966-69: 1971-72:	1966 : 3.82	:	: 9.37	: 5,360
Sixmile Cr. at Potters Falls at Ithaca	45.5	1935	1935 :	4,330	:	: 4,430
Virgil Cr. at Dryden	20.6	1966-72:	1967 : 2.58	656	: 3.90	: 1,400
Falls Cr. at Ithaca	126	1908-09: 1925-72:	1935 : 9.52	15,500	: 23 : 5.38	: 5,860
Salmon Cr. at Ludlow- ville	81.7	1964-68: 1971-72:	1966 : 7.23	1,940	: 10.62	: 4,160
Mud Cr. at East Victor	64.7	1958-68:	1963 : 6.65	1,370	: 7.90	: 1,600
Ganargua Cr. at Macedon	104	1965-69:	1966 : 5.91	1,520	: 6.80	: 1,950
West River near Middle- sex	29.3	1965-72:	1967 : 3.16	242	: 6.82	: 2,790

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Table 7. - Summary of Peak Stream Stages and Discharges (Cont'd) (1)

Stream and Place of Determination:	Drainage Area (Sq.Mi.):	Period of Record	Maximum Flood Previously: Known			Maximum During June 1972 Flood		
			Date	Gage Height: (feet):	Discharge (cfs)	Day:	Gage Height: (feet):	Discharge (cfs)
East Branch Fish Cr. at Taberg	188	1924-72:	1945	10.90:	13,600	:22	11.71:	14,500
Oneida Cr. at Oneida	113	1950-72:	1950 1959	13.78: 14.30:	7,440	:22	: 14.61:	: 9,260
Limestone Cr. at Fayette- ville	85.5	1940-72:	1950	7.78:	7,010	:23	7.56:	3,800
Butternut Cr. near James- ville	32.2	1959-72:	1962 1964	7.54: 6.29:	1,260	:21	: 7.15:	: 1,120
Meadow Br. at Hurlburt Rd. Syra- cuse	12.9	1971	1971	3.10:	126	:21	3.35:	156
Scriba Cr. near Con- stantia	38.4	1966-72:	1971	6.45:	870	:22	7.42:	1,200
Oneida River at Caugh- denoy	1,382	1903-12: 1948-72:	1903	: :	13,800	:25	: :	: 10,100
Oswego River at Lock 7, Oswego	5,098	1901-06: 1934-72:	1936 1940	: 13.46:	37,500	:29	: 11.87:	: 32,500

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## FLOOD FREQUENCY STUDY

### General

Stage-frequency relationship was analyzed in connection with the damages from tropical storm "Agnes" on selected lakes and all reaches of the Barge Canal, and major rivers in the Oswego River Basin. Stage-frequency curves were developed for these lakes, as well as agricultural and non-agricultural reaches of the Barge Canal and the major rivers.

### Stage-Frequency

The annual maximum stage records on the Barge Canal were obtained from the New York State Department of Transportation, Syracuse District, and from local operating agencies on the lakes. Frequency curves were drawn using Beard's plotting position method (Exhibit 37, Statistical Methods in Hydrology, by Leo Beard, Hydrologic Engineering Center, Corps of Engineers). They are shown in the appropriate sections of this report.

Frequency curves on the lakes were derived by the Buffalo District. The datums used vary from lake to lake and are listed on each curve. The five highest stages and respective frequencies are shown for each lake. These tables are shown in the appropriate section for each lake.

### SUMMARY

Tropical storm "Agnes" is notable in that it produced the "Flood of record" over a large area of the Oswego River Basin. Of significance are the facts that:

1. Record rainfalls were experienced over large portions of the basin.
2. The duration of significant rainfall was approximately 2-1/2 days.
3. Rainfall intensity was uniform and moderate.

### OSWEGO RIVER BASIN LAKES

The lakes discussed in this section of the report are: Canandaigua, Cayuga, Keuka, Oneida, Onondaga, Otisco, Owasco, Seneca, and Skaneateles. These lakes provide the setting for some of the most beautiful vacationland in the State of New York. The flooding associated with Tropical Storm Agnes affected each of the above mentioned lakes. Record high levels were experienced on some of them and significant flood damage was incurred by all of them. Table 8 lists the estimated damages for the June 1972 flood and average annual damages for the lakes.

Figures 3 through 15 show flood conditions on the lakes during the storm occurrence.

Stage-frequency and stage-damage curves are shown for each respective lake.

The lakes in the Oswego River Basin are primarily used for recreation and water supply and all have some type of control, either directly or indirectly on their levels and outflows. Table 9 lists the controls on the Oswego River Basin Lakes.



Table 8. - Estimated Damage Data on the Lakes in the Oswego River Basin

	:	:	Estimated June 1972 Flood Damage			
	Average	:	:	:	Public	:
	Annual	:	:	:	and	:
Lake	Damage	:	Residential	:	Commercial	:
	:	:	Other	:	Total	:
	\$	:	\$	:	\$	:
	\$	:	\$	:	\$	:
Canandaigua:	64,000:	:	308,000	:	1,152,000	:
Cayuga	:	:	185,000:	:	614,000	:
Keuka	:	:	135,000:	:	722,000	:
Oneida	:	:	523,000:	:	664,000	:
Onondaga	:	:	45,000:	:	-	:
Otisco	:	:	8,000:	:	29,000	:
Owasco	:	:	77,000:	:	167,000	:
Seneca	:	:	90,000:	:	417,000	:
Skaneateles:	6,000:	:	77,000	:	68,000	:
TOTAL	:	:	1,133,000:	:	2,998,000	:
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Table 9. - Controls for the Oswego River Basin Lakes

Lake	Description of Control
Canandaigua	Muir Dam and Feeder Canal at Canandaigua
Cayuga	Control structure at Mud Lock (Lock 1)
Keuka	Control structure at Penn Yan
Oneida	Dam at Caughdenoy
Onondaga	Water surface elevation on Barge Canal (1)
Otisco	Control structure on Nine Mile Creek
Owasco	State Dam at Auburn
Seneca	Control structure at the Waterloo Lock
Skaneateles	Control structure on Skaneateles Creek

(1) Water surface elevation is controlled by a structure at Phoenix Lock.

### Canandaigua Lake

The shoreline of Canandaigua Lake is almost completely utilized with cottages, recreation areas and permanent homes. Areas that are not developed are in the southern portion of the lake which is a Game Management Area, and areas along the shoreline that lie beneath steep banks. The majority and development is on the northeast portion of the lake perimeter. In recent years there has been a gradual trend of converting summer cottages into permanent homes adding to the flood damage potential.

There is a U. S. Geological Survey water stage recorder on Canandaigua Lake. Table 10 lists the five highest recorded stages and their approximate frequency. The June 1972 flood has an approximate frequency of occurrence of 90 years. It was approximately 1.4 feet higher than the previous flood stage of record, that which occurred in 1956.

Figure 3 shows flooding conditions at the north end of the lake. The stage hydrograph shown in Plate 14 shows the peak stage that occurred during the June 1972 flood occurrence. Stage-frequency and stage-damage curves are shown on Plates 15 and 16, respectively.

Table 10. - Five Highest Stages on Canandaigua Lake for the Period 1911-1922, 1927, 1929-1972

Order of Magnitude	:	Elevation*	:	Year	:	Approximate frequency (yrs.)
1	:	691.7	:	1972	:	90
2	:	690.3	:	1956	:	30
3	:	690.2	:	1936	:	20
4	:	689.8	:	1940	:	15
5	:	689.6	:	1929	:	10
	:		:		:	

\* Gage located at Canandaigua. Elevations are on mean sea level (MSL) datum, Corps of Engineer levels.

Figure 3 Aerial view, looking west, of flooding at north end of Canandaigua Lake. Photo taken 24 June 1972.



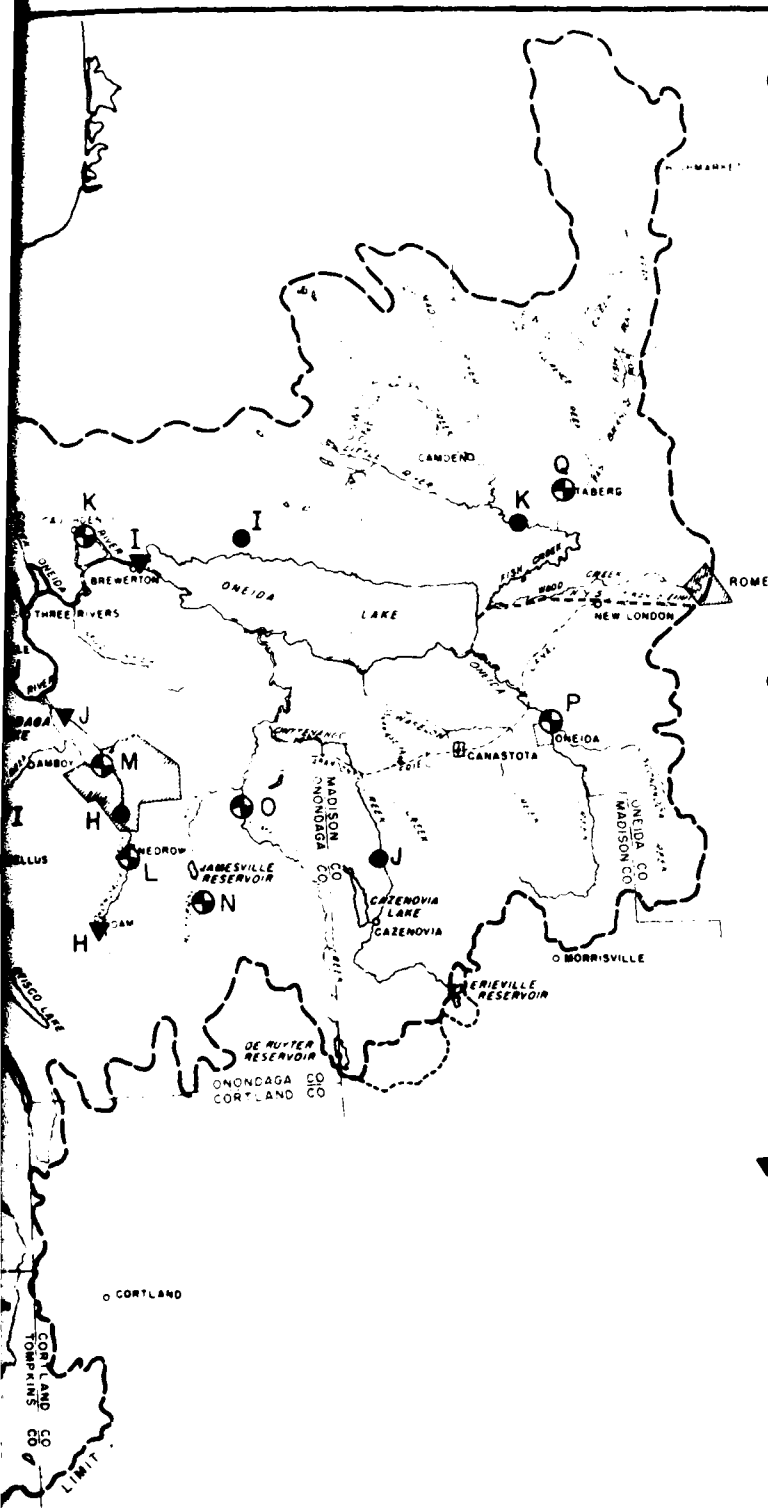
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SCALE IN MILES

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#### ● ACTIVE RECORDING GAGES

- A. CANANDAIGUA OUTLET AT CHAPIN
- B. FLINT CREEK AT POTTER
- C. KEUKA LAKE OUTLET AT DRESDEN
- D. OWASCO OUTLET NEAR AUBURN
- E. CAYUGA INLET NEAR ITHACA
- F. FALL CREEK NEAR ITHACA
- G. OSWEGO RIVER AT LOCK 7
- H. NINEMILE CREEK NEAR MARIETTA
- I. NINEMILE CREEK AT CAMILLUS
- J. SENECA RIVER AT BALDWINVILLE
- K. ONEIDA RIVER AT CAUGHDENY
- L. ONONDAGA CREEK AT DORWIN AVE.
- M. ONONDAGA CREEK AT SPENCER ST.,  
HARBOR BROOK AND BARGE CANAL  
GAGE 213
- N. BUTTERNUT CREEK NEAR JAMESVILLE
- O. LIMESTONE CREEK AT FAYETTEVILLE
- P. ONEIDA CREEK AT ONEIDA
- Q. EAST BRANCH FISH CREEK AT TABERG

#### ● DISCONTINUED RECORDING GAGES

- A. MUD CREEK AT EAST VICTOR (1968)
- B. ERIE CANAL AT MACEDON, LOCK E-30  
(1968)
- C. RED CREEK NEAR PALMYRA (1968)
- D. KENDIG CREEK NEAR MACDOUGALL  
(1968)
- E. CANOGA CREEK AT CANOGA (1968)
- F. SALMON CREEK AT LUDLOWVILLE (1968)
- G. OWASCO INLET AT MORAVIA (1968)
- H. ONONDAGA CREEK AT SYRACUSE (1949)
- I. SCRIBA CREEK NEAR CONSTANIA (1968)
- J. CHITTENANGO CR. NEAR CHITTENANGO  
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- K. WEST BR. FISH CR. AT BLOSSVALE  
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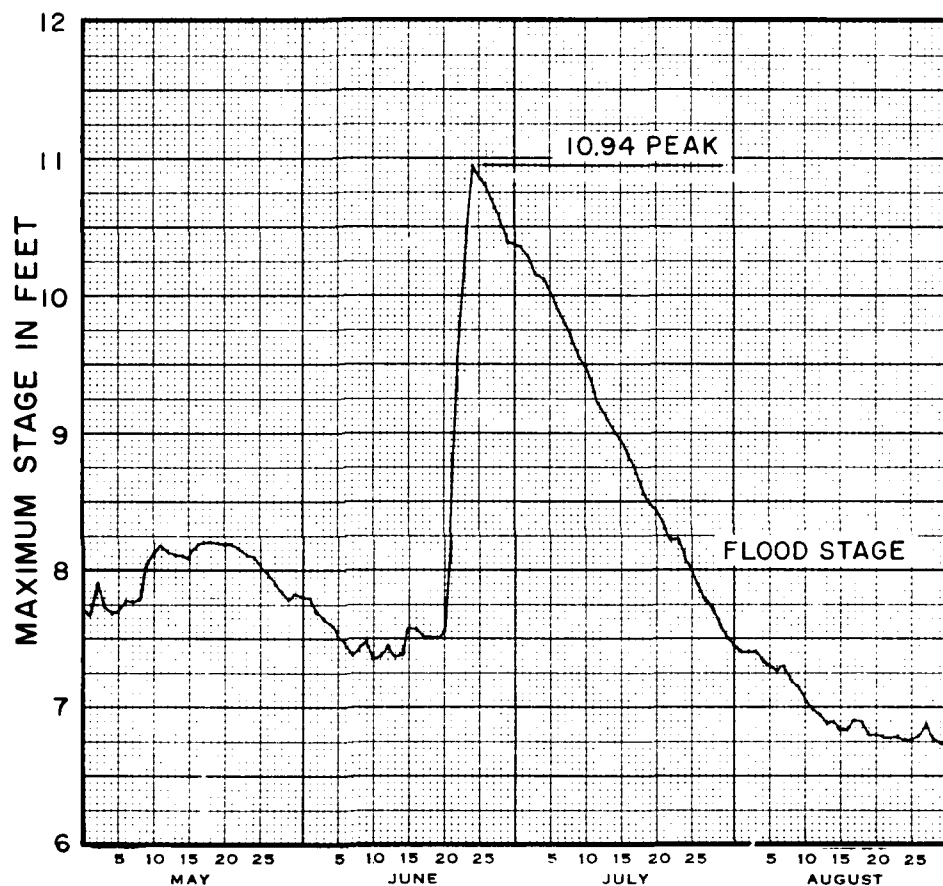
#### ▼ LAKE STAGE GAGES

- A. CANANDAIGUA LAKE AT CANANDAIGUA
- B. KEUKA LAKE AT HAMMONDSPORT
- C. SENECA LAKE AT WATKINS GLEN
- D. OWASCO LAKE NEAR AUBURN
- E. CAYUGA LAKE AT ITHACA
- F. SKANEATELES LAKE AT SKANEATELES
- G. LAKE ONTARIO AT OSWEGO
- H. ONONDAGA RESERVOIR
- I. ONEIDA LAKE AT BREWERTON
- J. ONONDAGA LAKE AT LIVERPOOL

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### GAGE LOCATIONS

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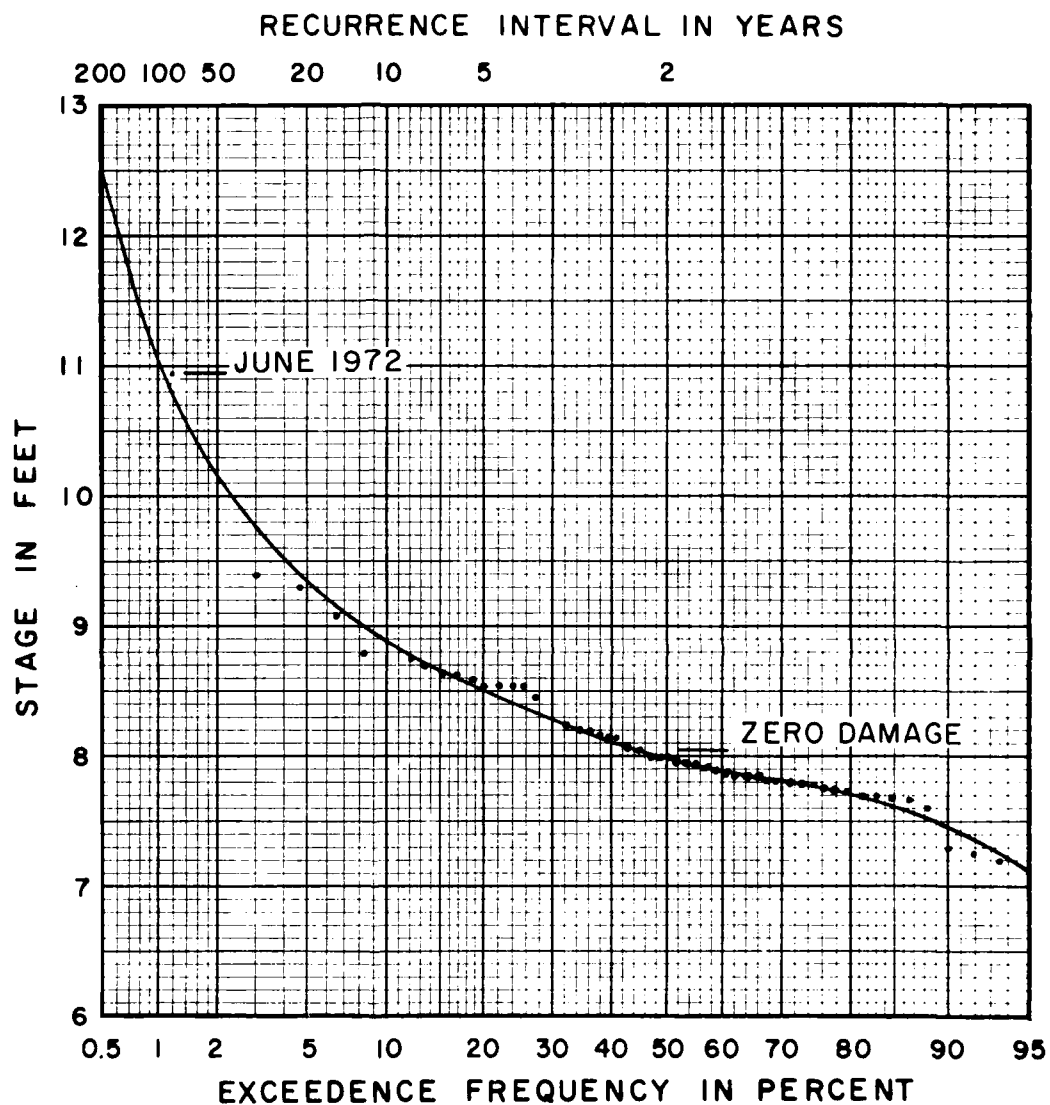


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STAGE HYDROGRAPH  
CANANDAIGUA LAKE  
AT CANANDAIGUA N.Y.  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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**NOTES:**

DATUM OF GAGE IS 681.17 ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL (USGS LEVELS).

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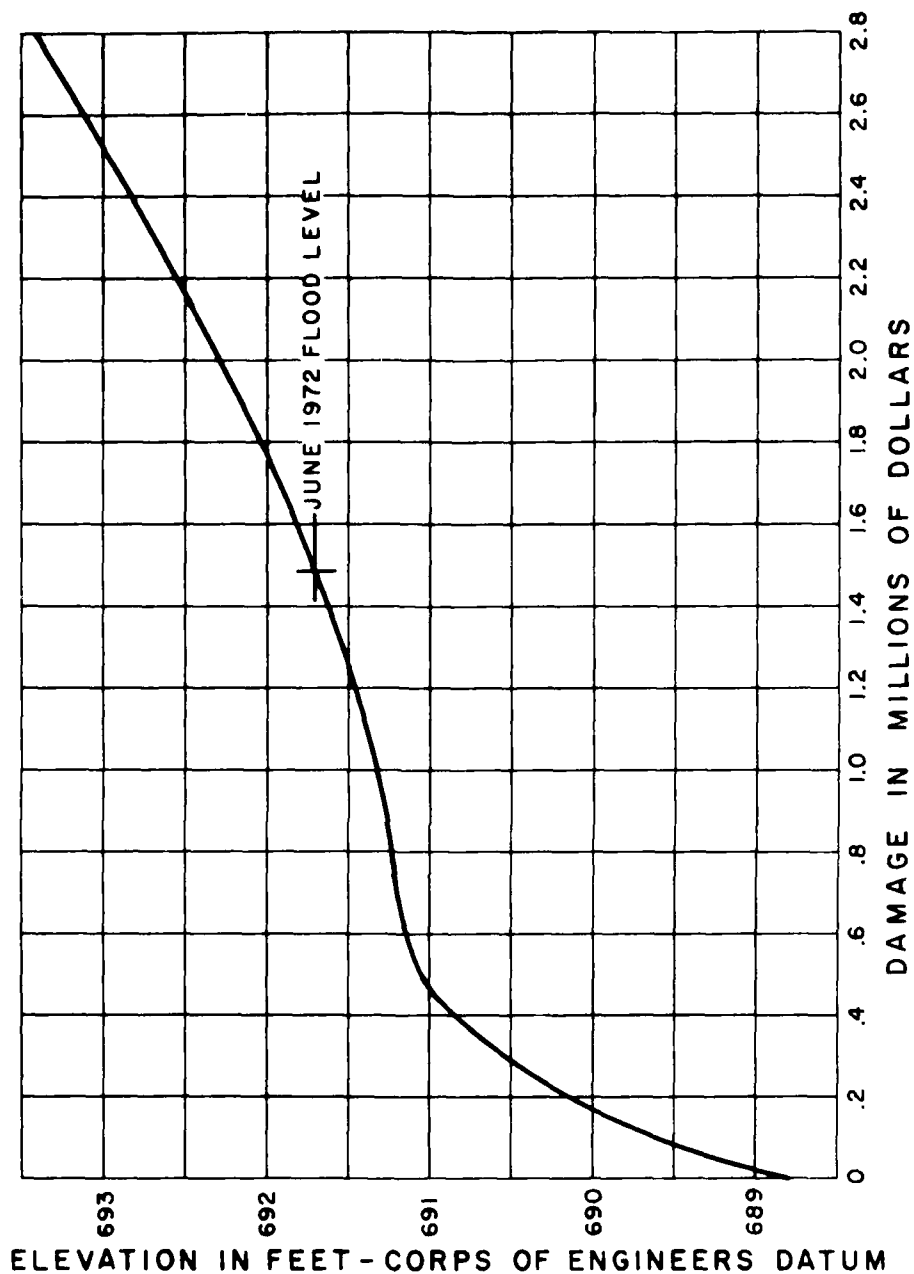
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**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
CANANDAIGUA LAKE  
AT CANANDAIGUA, N. Y.

U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

ALL VALUES ARE ON THE JUNE 1972 PRICE  
LEVEL AND CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT.  
NON-RECURRING DAMAGES ARE NOT  
INCLUDED.

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TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-DAMAGE CURVE**  
**CANANDAIGUA LAKE**

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### Cayuga Lake

Cayuga Lake is the second largest of the Finger Lakes. It is quite deep except at both the north and south ends where relatively shallow water occurs. The shoreline is intensively developed with cottages except where development is physically impractical or impossible. Recreation is a major influence in the economy of the area where the natural beauty of the glens and forests attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Ithaca is located on the south end of the lake and is the major city on it. Ithaca manufactures machine parts, adding machines and guns. It is also the home of Ithaca College and Cornell University.

Lake levels are regulated by the control structure at Mud Lock. Regulation of Lake levels by this structure is to maintain required navigation levels and alleviate flooding on Seneca and Oswego Rivers. This lake regulation also serves to maintain elevations on Cayuga Lake that are compatible with existing development and with recreation and water supply requirements.

The New York State Department of Public Works, Division of Canals and Waterways regulates Cayuga Lake from a low elevation of 380.0 to a high of 384.0 when climatological conditions permit. Spring high water is maintained as close to 384.0 as possible, but nearly every year the lake will rise to elevation 385.0 or higher.

Low water during the early summer is maintained at elevation 384.0 which is gradually drawn down toward the end of summer to 382.5. In dry years the lake is lowered from 382.5 to 382.0 between September 1 and October 25 and 380.0 by December 1. After the close of the navigation season the lake is drawn to 380.0 to provide room for the storage of spring runoff.

"Agnes" proved to be too much for the normal methods of alleviating

floods and the lake level rose over three feet from 20 June to 24 June to a point approximately one foot above the previously recorded record high lake level of 1936 and 1916.

There is a U.S.G.S. water stage recorder on Cayuga Lake at Ithaca. Table 11 lists the five highest recorded stages on Cayuga Lake and their approximate frequency. The June 1972 flood has an approximate frequency of 125 years. The stage hydrograph on Plate 17 shows the peak stage that occurred during the June 1972 flood occurrence. Stage-frequency and stage-damage curves are shown on Plates 18 and 19, respectively. Figures 4 through 17 show flood conditions on Cayuga Lake.

Table 11. - Five Highest Stages on Cayuga Lake for the Period 1905-1972

<u>Order of Magnitude : Elevation : Year : Approximate Frequency (yrs.)</u>				
1	:	387.8*	: 1972 :	125
2	:	386.6	: 1936 :	20
3	:	386.6	: 1916 :	20
4	:	386.4	: 1914 :	15
5	:	386.4	: 1927 :	15
	:		: :	

\*U.S.G.S. continuous recording gage located at Ithaca, NY, 1958-present. All other levels were recorded at Cayuga, NY, and represent a daily reading. Elevations are on Barge Canal datum.



Figure 4 Inundated homes at Myers Point on southeasterly shore of Cayuga Lake. Photo taken 24 June 1972.

Figure 5 Bank erosion at Stewart Park in Ithaca on Cayuga Lake. Photo taken 23 June 1972.

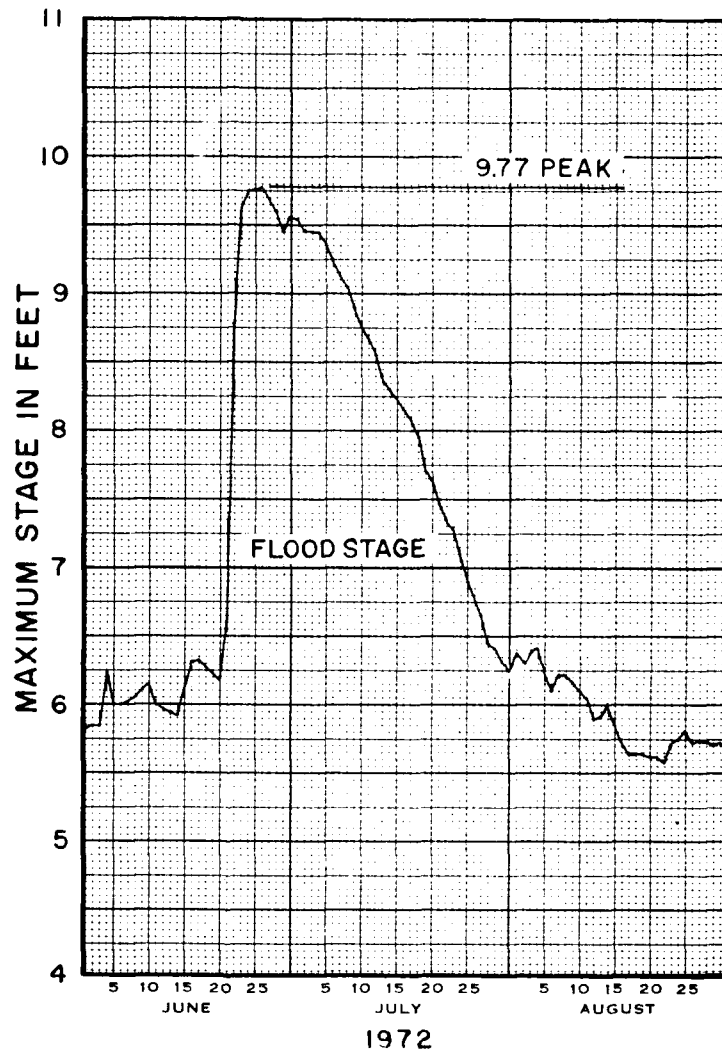




Figure 6 Flooded homes along Cayuga Lake shore as of 29 June 1973.

Figure 7 Aerial view of flooding at Taughannock State Park. Photo taken 26 June 1972.

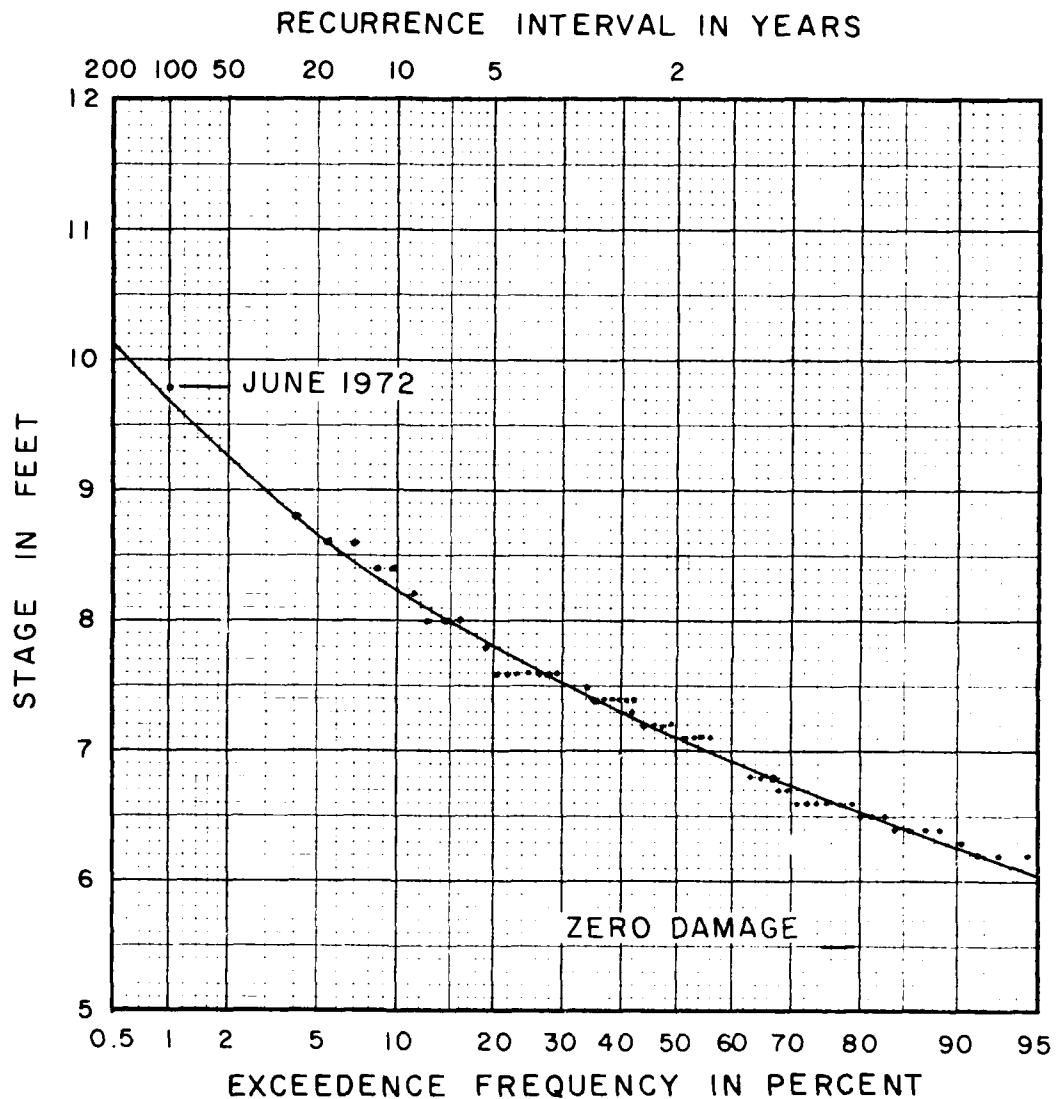




**NOTES:**

DATUM OF GAGE IS 376.57 FT. ABOVE  
MEAN SEA LEVEL OR 378.00 FT. BARGE  
CANAL DATUM. PRIOR TO OCT. 1968  
DATUM IS 2.0 FT. HIGHER.

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TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE HYDROGRAPH**  
CAYUGA LAKE AT ITHACA, N.Y.  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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**NOTES:**

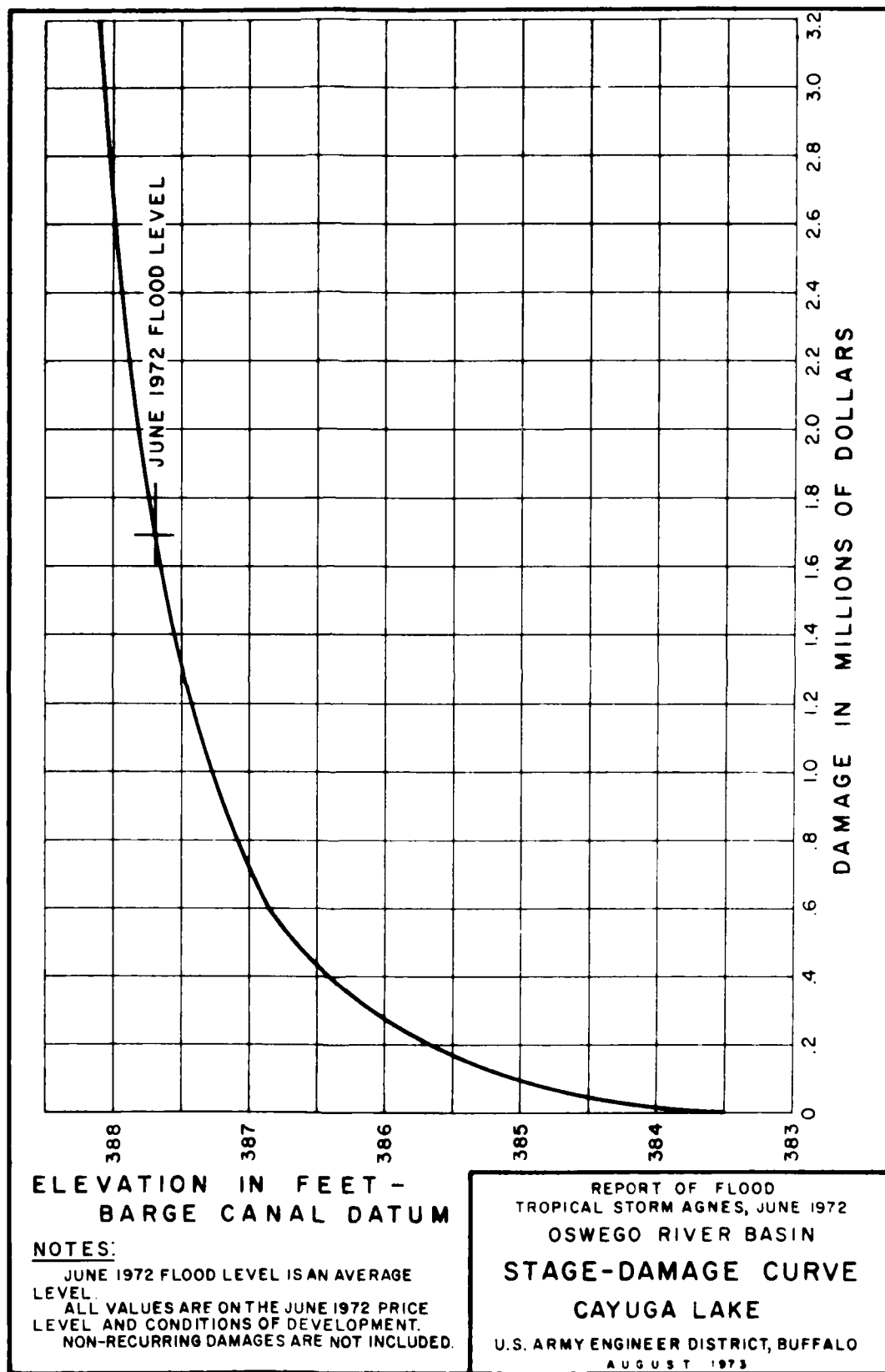
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P. O. R. 1905-1972 (68 YEARS)

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
CAYUGA LAKE AT ITHACA, N.Y.  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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### Keuka Lake

Keuka Lake is rather extensively developed with both seasonal and permanent residences which account for the relatively high flood damage. The June 1972 flood stage was the second highest of record and was exceeded by approximately one foot back in 1872. The June 1972 flood stage has an approximate frequency of 85 years. Table 12 lists the five highest recorded stages for Keuka Lake and their approximate frequency.

Outflow from the lake is regulated by a dam near the Main Street Bridge by the City of Penn Yan about one mile from the lake. The dam is operated in accordance with a rule curve developed by the Corps of Engineers. The outflow from Keuka Lake empties into Seneca Lake which at the time was experiencing flood problems of its own.

Inspection of the isohyetal maps on Plates 9 and 10 show that Keuka Lake is located in the part of the basin that received the most rainfall. Approximately ten inches of rain fell on the Keuka Lake drainage area from 21 to 26 June.

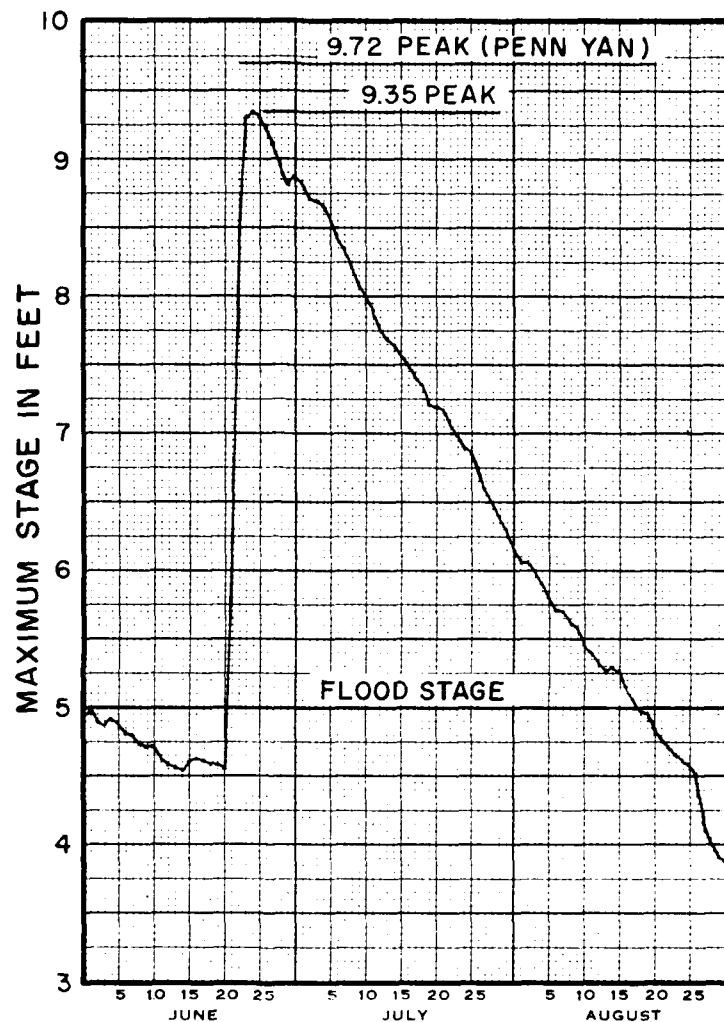
The stage hydrograph on Plate 20 shows that the water rose almost five feet in four days to a point over four feet above flood stage.

Stage-frequency and stage-damage curves are shown on Plates 21 and 22, respectively.

Table 12. - Five Highest Stages on Keuka Lake for the Period  
1872, 1894, 1904, 1912-16, 1920-72

<u>Order of Magnitude : Elevation* : Year : Approximate frequency (yrs.)</u>			
1	:	720.7	: 1872 : 180
2	:	719.7	: 1972 : 85
3	:	719.0	: 1935 : 50
4	:	718.5	: 1936 : 30
5	:	718.1	: 1894 : 25
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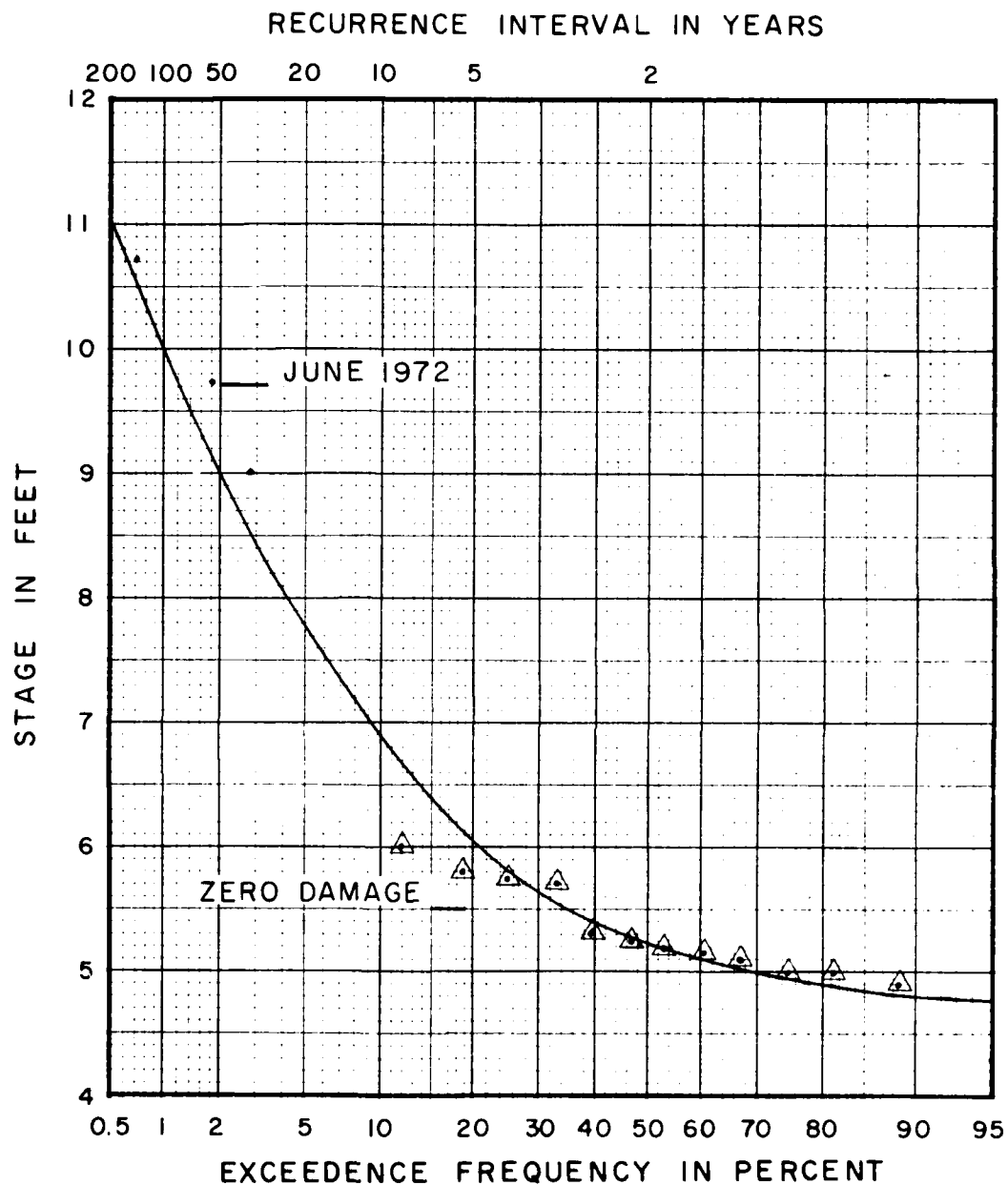
\* Gage located at Penn Yan. Elevations are on United States Coast and Geodetic Survey (U.S.C. & G.S.) datum.



**NOTES:**

DATUM OF GAGE IS 710 FT. ABOVE  
MEAN SEA LEVEL, U.S.C. & G.S. DATUM.

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TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
STAGE HYDROGRAPH  
KEUKA LAKE  
AT HAMMONDSPOINT, N.Y.  
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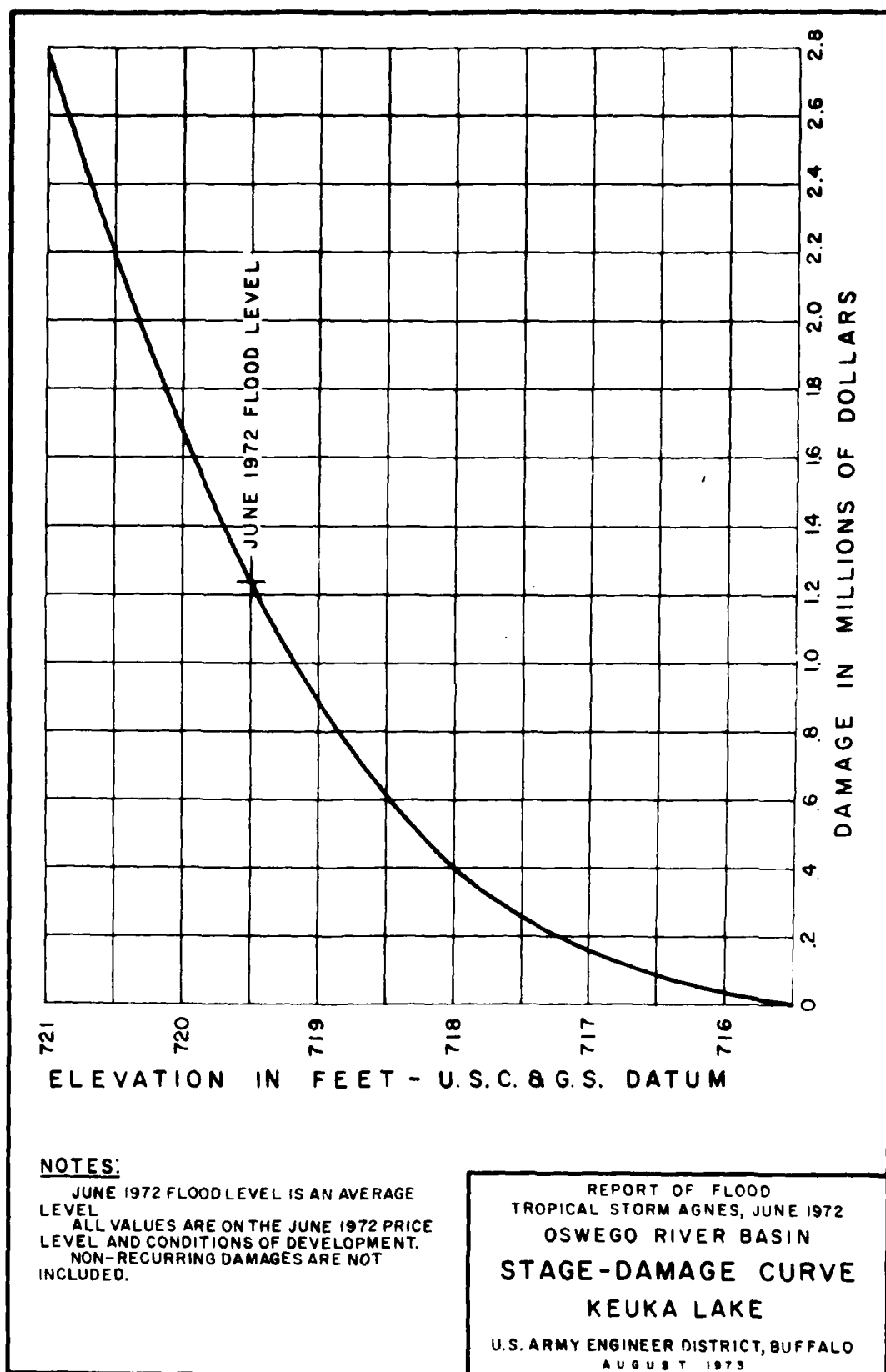
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P.O.R. 1872, 1935, 1959-1972 (16 YEARS).

△ BASED ON EXISTING REGULATION PLAN FOR KEUKA LAKE.

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
KEUKA LAKE AT PENN YAN N.Y.  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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### Oneida Lake

Oneida Lake is the largest in the Oswego River Basin. It has a surface area of approximately 80 square miles. It is 21 miles long and from two to five miles wide. Its shores are low and flat and there are large swampy areas on all sides. The New York State Barge Canal traverses Oneida Lake and its levels are regulated by a dam at Caughdenoy.

For the residents along Oneida Lake, the June 1972 flood was the second one of the year. Spring runoff had produced flooding early in May and the water had receded considerably from the first flood when "Agnes" occurred. The stage hydrograph on Plate 23 shows the peaks that occurred in both May and June 1972.

Areas particularly hard hit were the Beach Road and the Long Point Road areas in the Town of Cicero. These areas were also significantly affected in the May flood and some residents were not yet fully recovered from it when "Agnes" hit.

The June 1972 flood stage had been exceeded by 0.7 foot in 1936. However, due to recent development, the June 1972 flood was the most damaging flood ever recorded on Oneida Lake.

There is a U.S.G.S. water stage recorder on Oneida Lake at Brewerton. Table 13 lists the five highest recorded stages on Oneida Lake and their approximate frequency. The June 1972 flood has an approximate frequency of 50 years.

Figures 8 and 9 show flooding in the Long Point Road and Muskrat Bay areas, respectively.

Stage-frequency and stage-damage curves are shown on Plates 24 and 25, respectively.

Table 13. - Five Highest Stages on Oneida Lake for the Period 1925-1972

<u>Order of Magnitude : Elevation (1) : Year : Approximate frequency (yrs.)</u>			
1	: 374.9 (2)	: 1936 :	100
2	: 374.2 (3)	: 1972 :	50
3	: 374.1 (2)	: 1940 :	40
4	: 373.9 (2)	: 1926 :	35
5	: 373.8 (2)	: 1925 :	30
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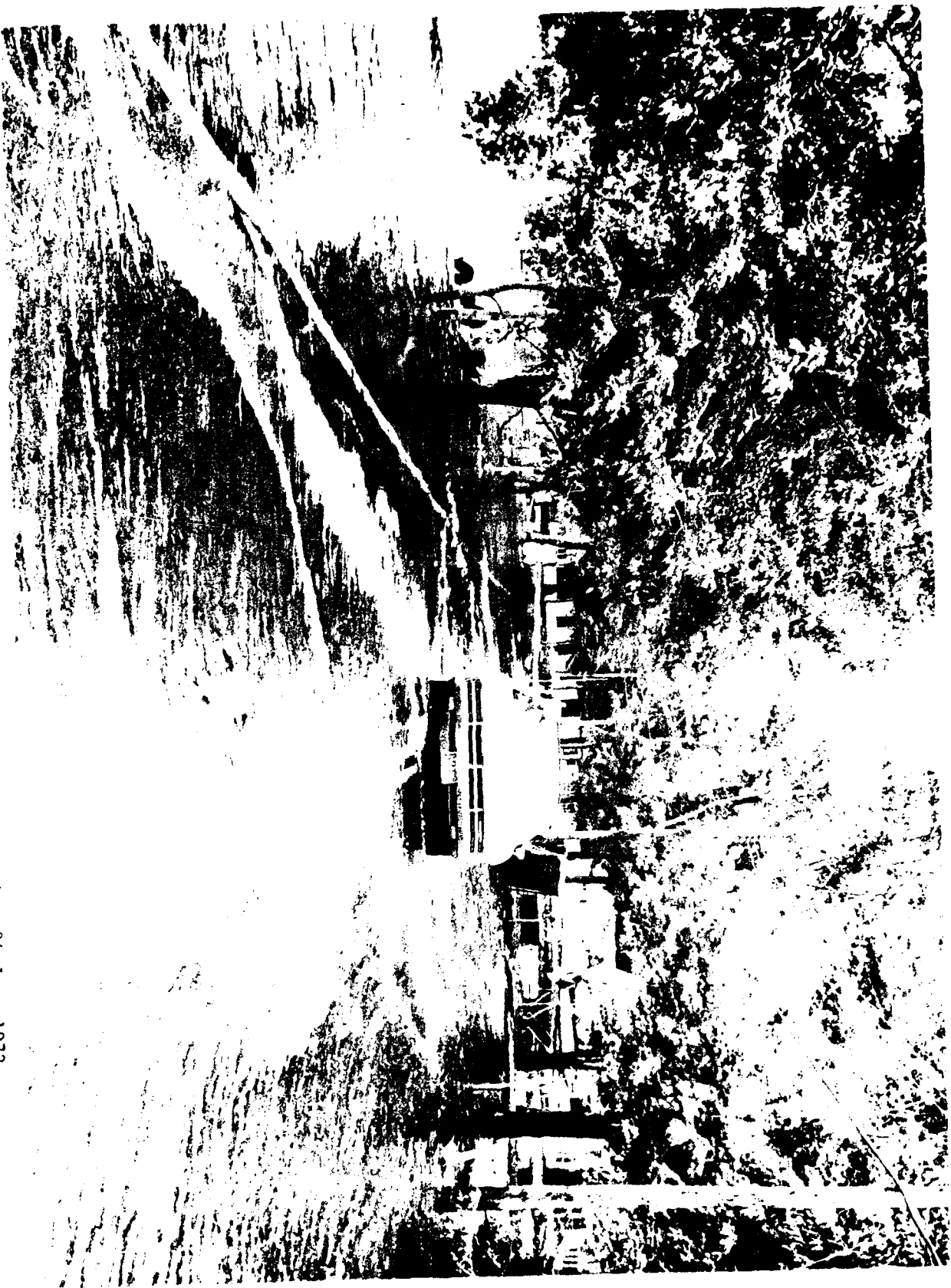
- (1) Elevations are on Barge Canal datum.  
 (2) Gage located at Caughdenoy.  
 (3) Gage located at Cleveland.

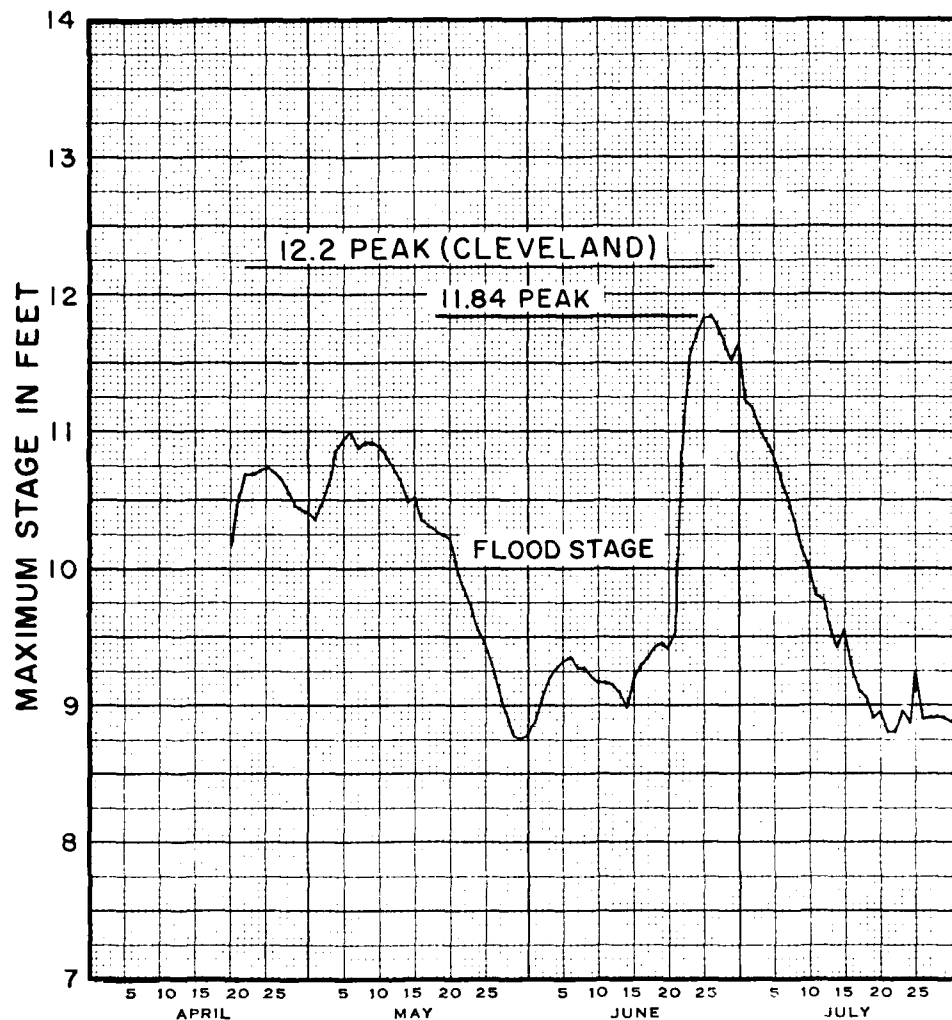




Figure 8 Aerial view looking west along Long Point Road at flood conditions on Oneida Lake. Photo taken 23 June 1973.

Figure 9 Flood conditions in the Muskrat Bay area of Oneida Lake. Photo taken 24 June 1972.

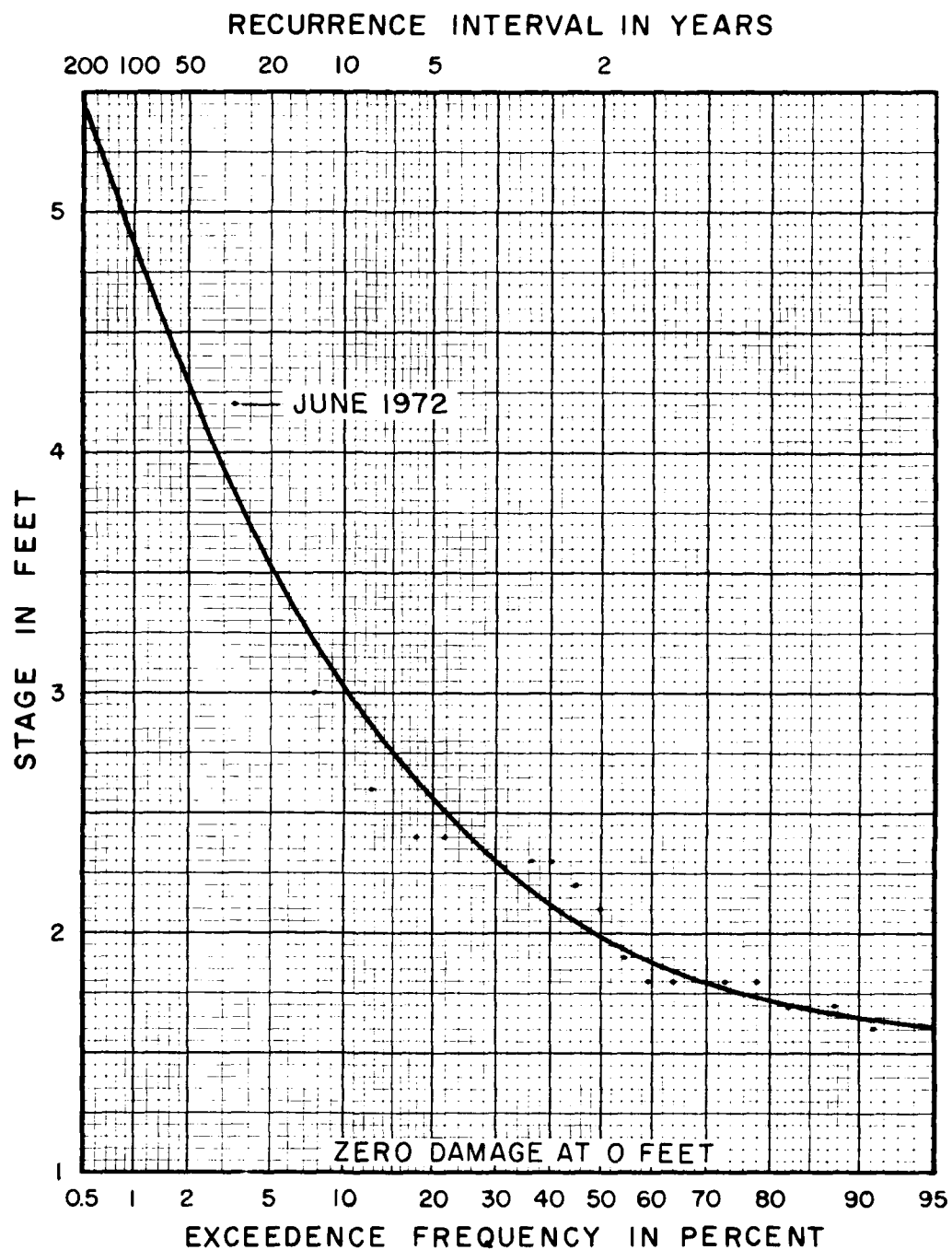




**NOTES:**

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MEAN SEA LEVEL, BARGE CANAL DATUM.

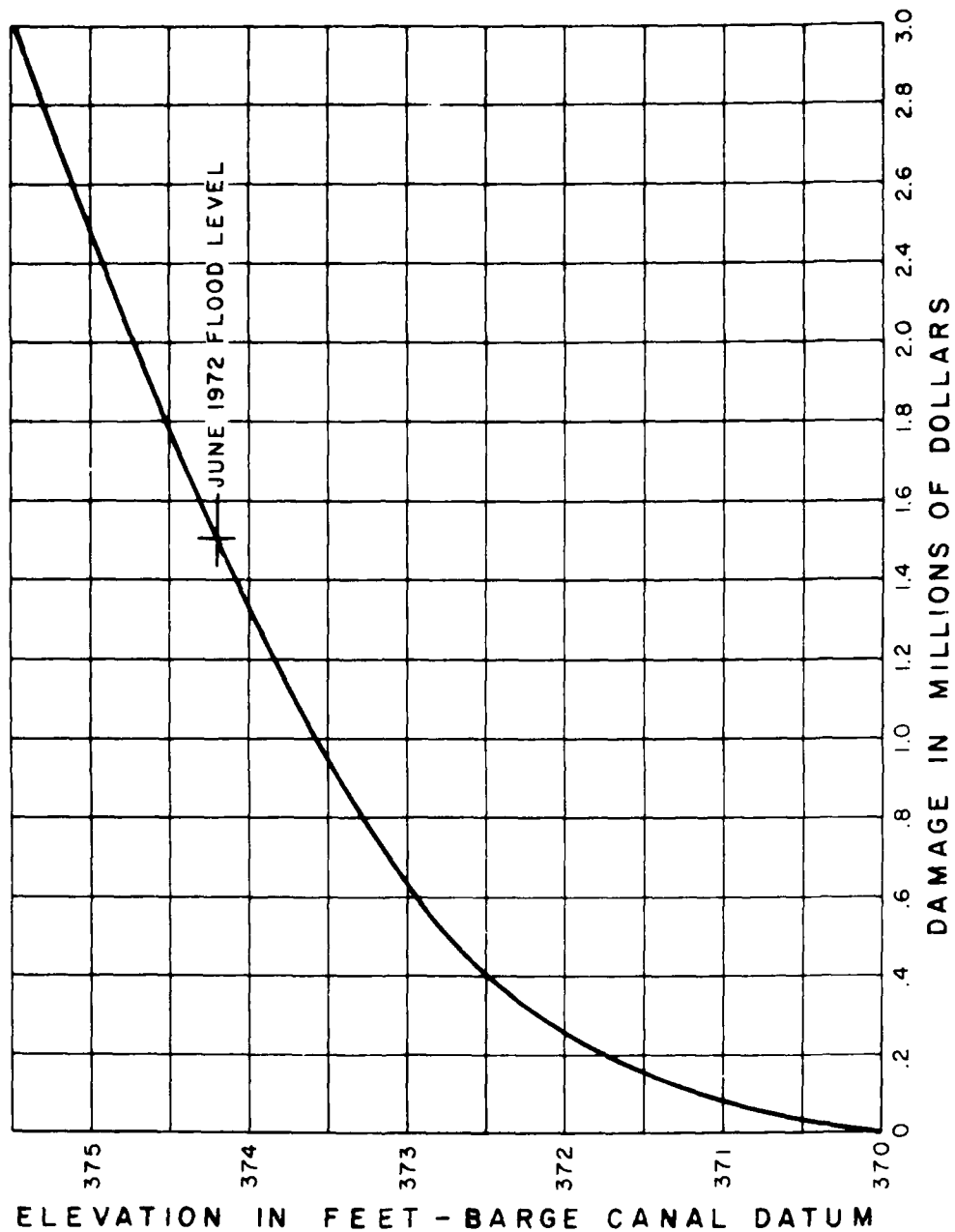
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
STAGE HYDROGRAPH  
ONEIDA LAKE  
AT BREWERTON, N. Y.  
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**NOTES:**

DATUM OF GAGE IS 370.0 FT. ABOVE MEAN  
SEA LEVEL BARGE CANAL DATUM.  
P.O.R. 1952-1967 (16 YEARS) AT CAUGHDNEOY.  
P.O.R. 1968-1972 (5 YEARS) AT CLEVELAND.  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

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TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
ONEIDA LAKE  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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**NOTES:**

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NON-RECURRING DAMAGES ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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**STAGE-DAMAGE CURVE**  
ONEIDA LAKE

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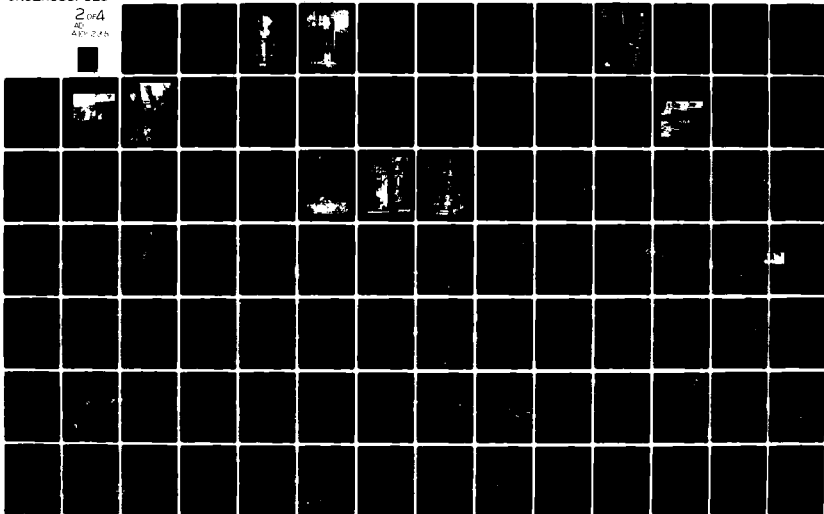
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### Onondaga Lake

Onondaga lake is unique in that there is no residential development around it. It is surrounded by a park, railroad embankment, highway embankment, and the Allied Chemical Company complex.

Considering the size of the lake, and the development around it, damage on the lake was relatively high. This is due in large part to the sedimentation that occurred in the New York State Barge Canal Terminal area on the inlet to the lake which required extensive dredging. The Onondaga Yacht Club Marina, the only one on the lake, was inundated and incurred considerable damage. See Figures 10 and 11.

The stage hydrograph on Plate 26 shows that the water rose approximately six feet from 20 June to 1 July to a point over four feet above flood stage. The levels on this lake are controlled by the water surface elevation on the Barge Canal which remained relatively high due to the large outflows from Canandaigua, Cayuga, Keuka, Owasco, Seneca, and Skaneateles Lakes. Also, Otisco Lake drains directly into Onondaga lake by way of Nine Mile Creek. All these factors plus approximately five inches of rainfall from 21 to 26 June contributed to the resultant high lake level.

The June 1972 flood stage has an approximate frequency of 20 years. Table 14 lists the five highest recorded stages for Onondaga Lake and their approximate frequency.

Stage-frequency and stage-damage curves are shown on Plates 27 and 28, respectively.

Table 14. - Five Highest Stages on Onondaga Lake for the Period 1930-1972

<u>Order of Magnitude : Elevation* : Year : Approximate frequency (yrs.)</u>				
1	:	371.6	:	1936 :
2	:	371.5	:	1940 :
3	:	370.8	:	1972 :
4	:	370.5	:	1960 :
5	:	370.0	:	1950 :
	:		:	

\* Barge Canal Gage number 213 located at Syracuse.

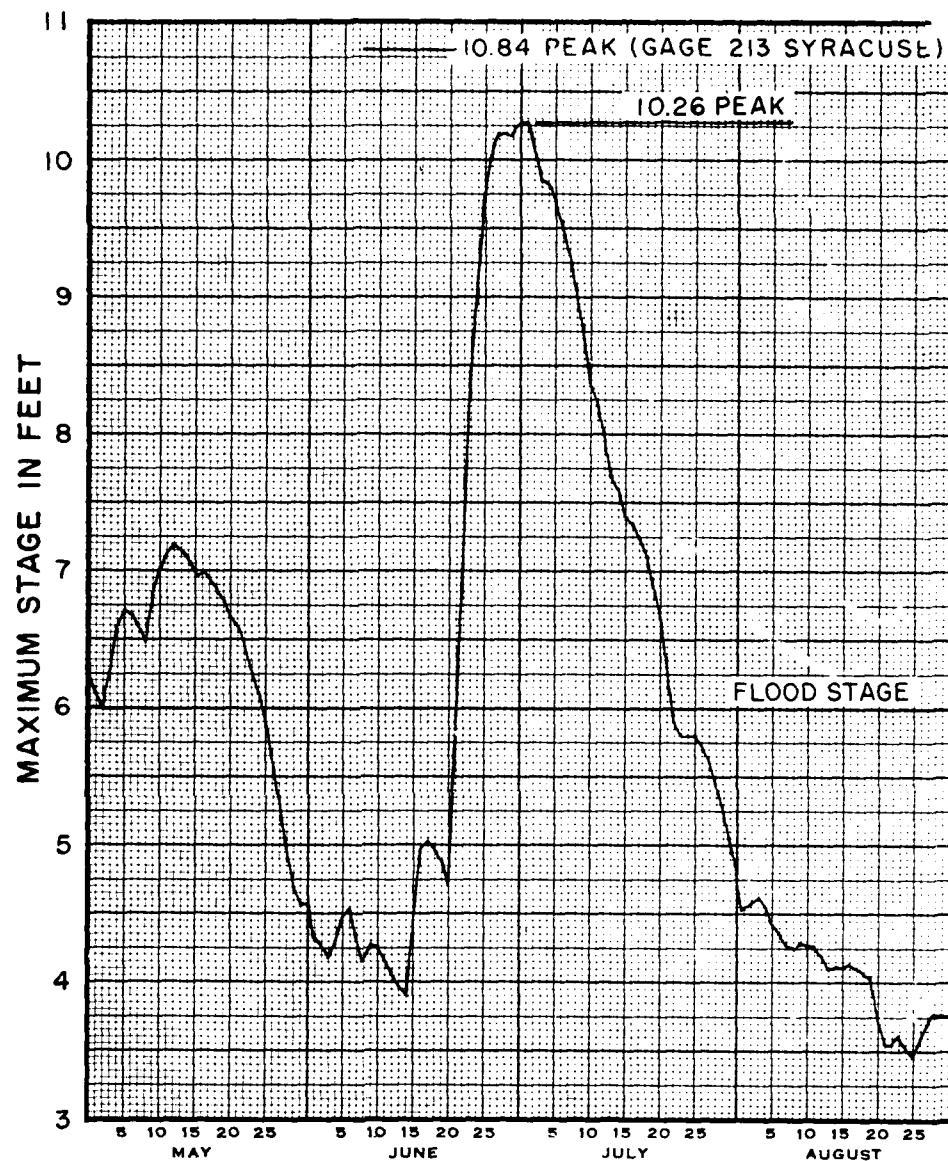




Figure 10 Flood conditions at Onondaga Yacht Club on Onondaga Lake. The bench behind the boat at the right in the photograph is on the edge of a wall. Photo taken 26 June 1972.

Figure II Flood conditions at Onondaga Yacht Club on Onondaga Lake. Photo taken 26 June 1972.





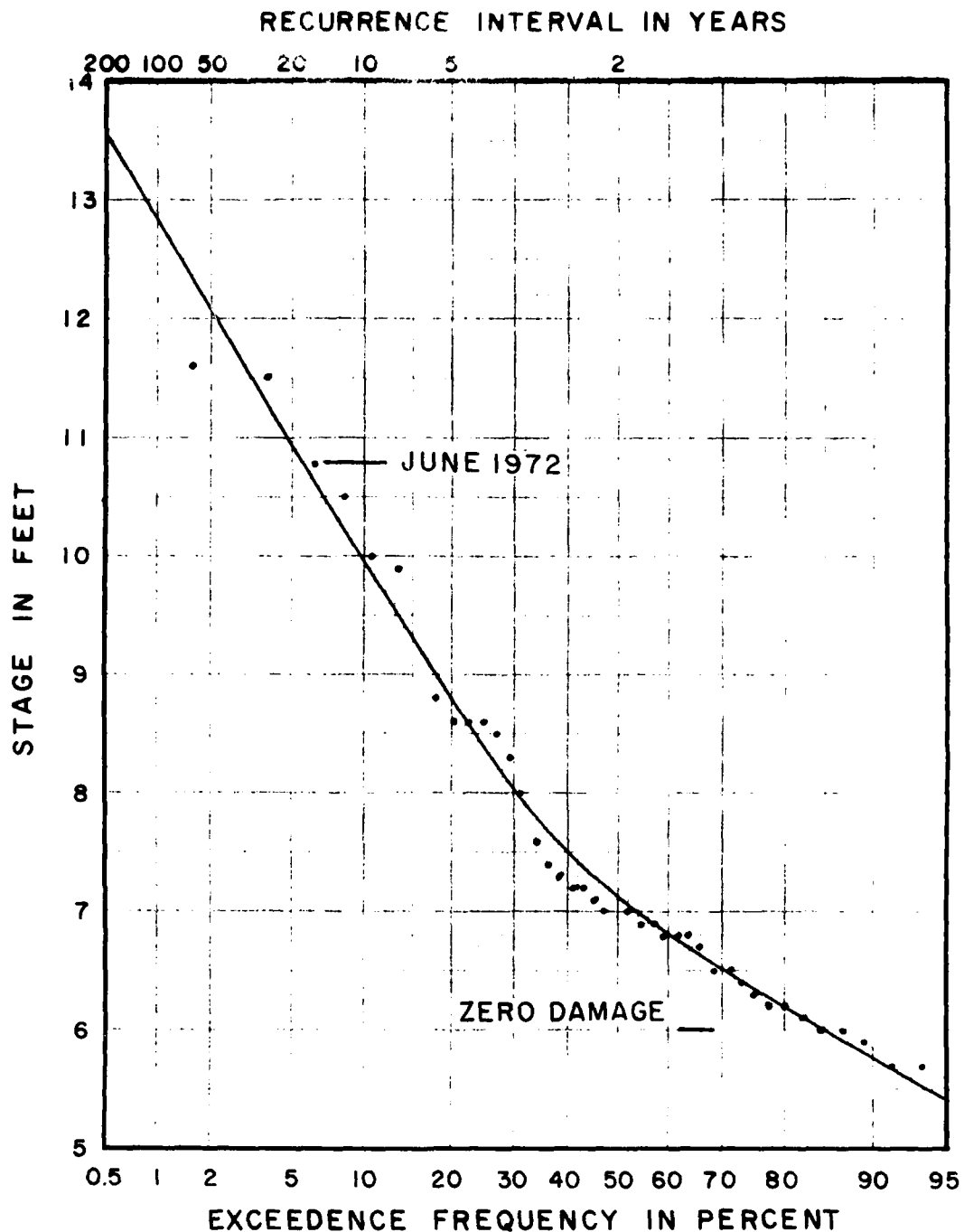
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**NOTES:**

DATUM OF GAGE IS 360 FT. ABOVE  
MEAN SEA LEVEL.

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TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
STAGE HYDROGRAPH  
ONONDAGA LAKE  
AT LIVERPOOL N. Y.  
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PLATE 26



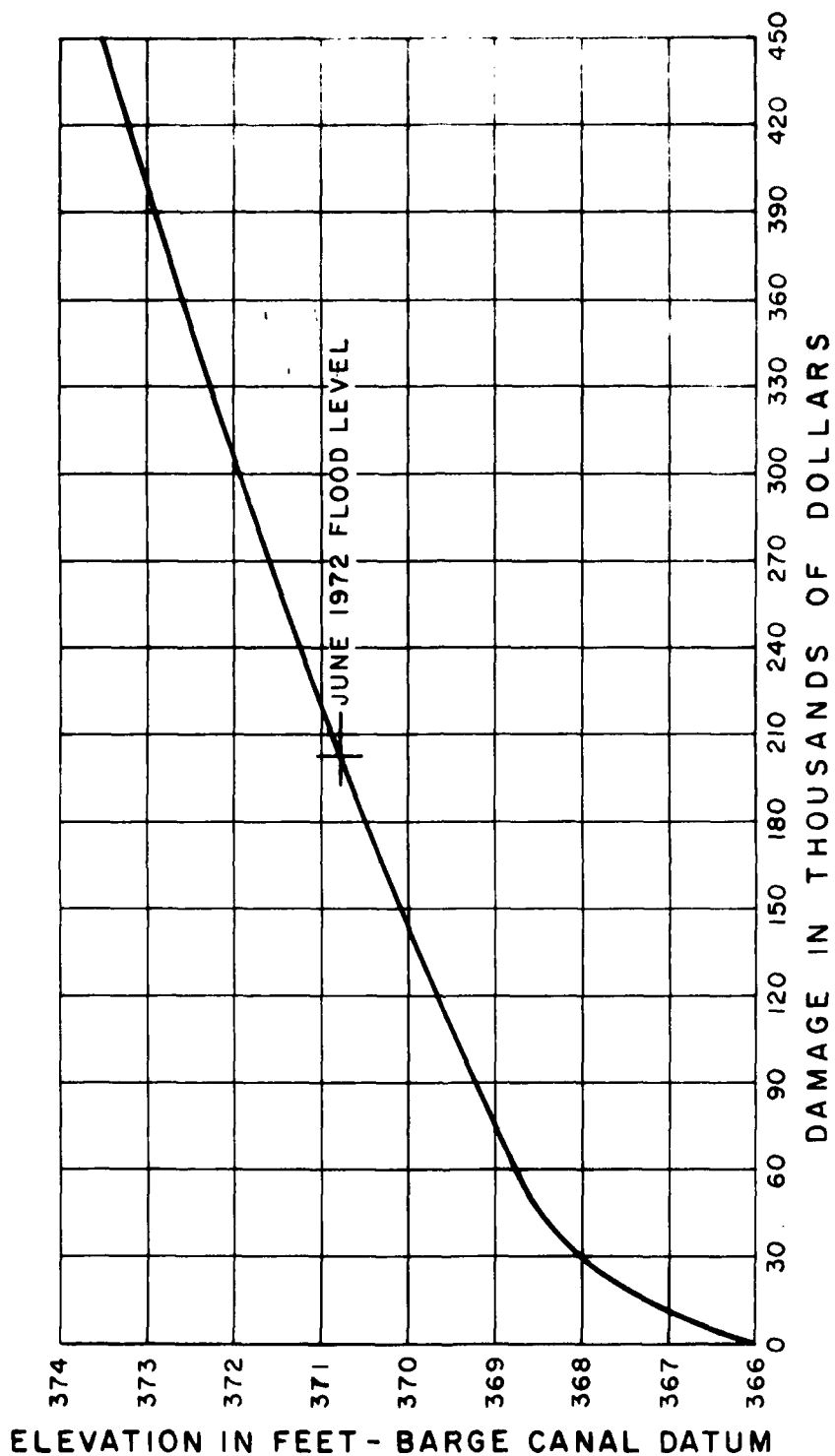
**NOTES:**

DATUM OF BARGE CANAL GAGE IS 360.0 FT. ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL.

P.O.R. 1930-1972 (43 YEARS).

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
**ONONDAGA LAKE AT**  
**GAGE 213, SYRACUSE, N.Y.**  
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AUGUST 1973



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TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-DAMAGE CURVE**  
ONONDAGA LAKE

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### Otisco Lake

Otisco Lake is one of the smaller lakes in the Oswego River Basin and where physically possible is considerably developed with cottages and permanent residences. The outlet for Otisco Lake is Nine Mile Creek and the outflows are regulated by a dam on the Creek which is operated by the Onondaga County Water Authority which uses Otisco Lake for water supply.

The June 1972 flood exceeded the previous record high lake level of 1913 by approximately 0.5-foot and caused damages on both Otisco Lake and Nine Mile Creek. Figure 12 shows flooding on Nine Mile Creek at Camillus. Nine Mile Creek also flows through the Village of Marcellus which also incurred flood damage. The total estimated flood damage on Nine Mile Creek was \$40,000.

Lake level records are kept by the Onondaga County Water Authority. Table 15 lists the five highest recorded stages and their approximate frequency. The June 1972 flood has an approximate frequency of occurrence of 100 years.

Stage-frequency and stage-damage curves are shown on Plates 29 and 30, respectively.

Table 15. - Five Highest Stages on Otisco Lake for the Period 1911-1964 and 1966-1972

<u>Order of Magnitude : Elevation* : Year : Approximate frequency (yrs.)</u>			
1	: 789.0	: 1972 :	100
2	: 788.4	: 1913 :	30
3	: 788.2	: 1950 :	15
4	: 788.2	: 1956 :	15
5	: 788.2	: 1958 :	15
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\* Gage located at Otisco Lake Dam, U.S.C. & G.S. datum.

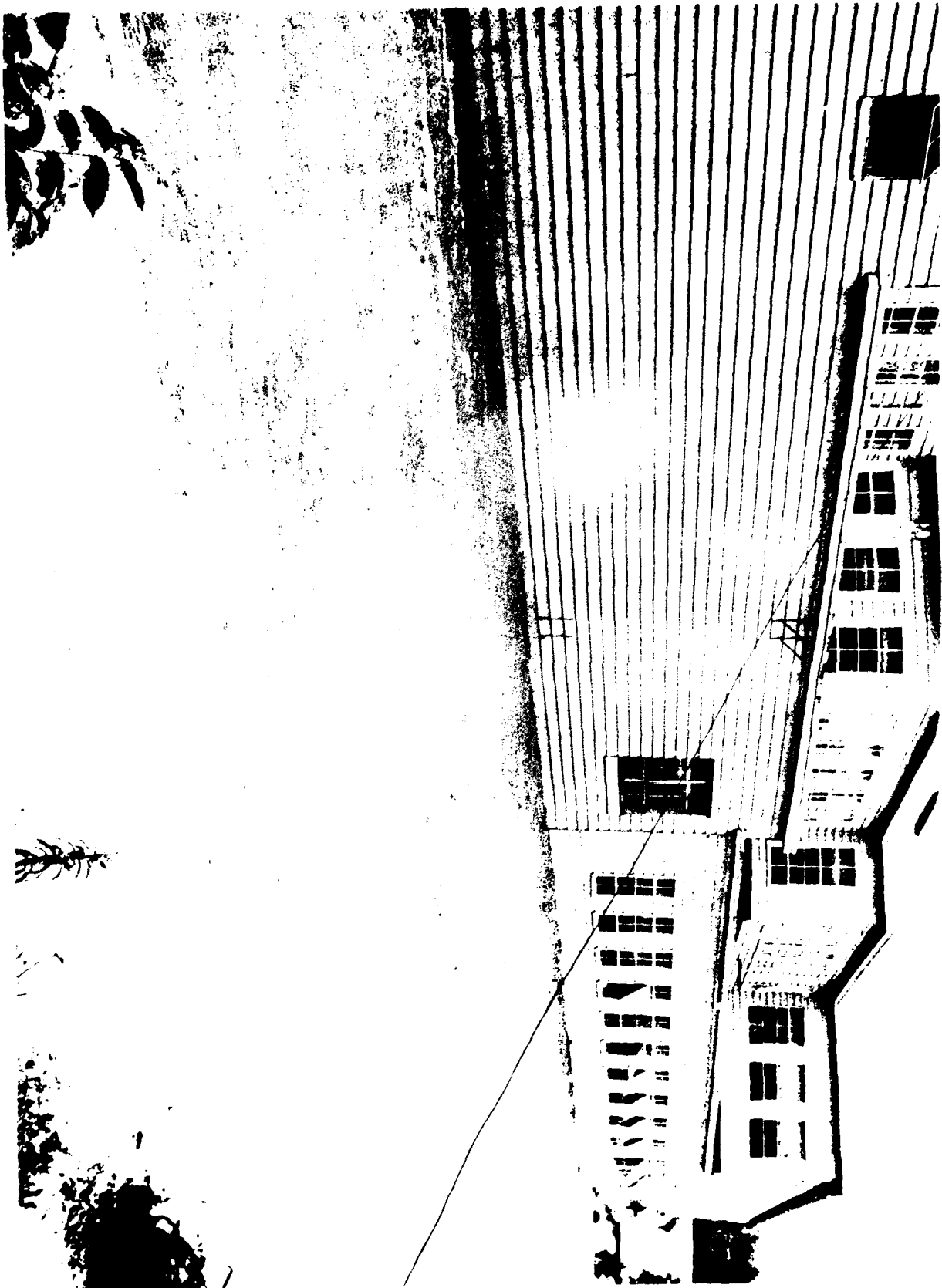
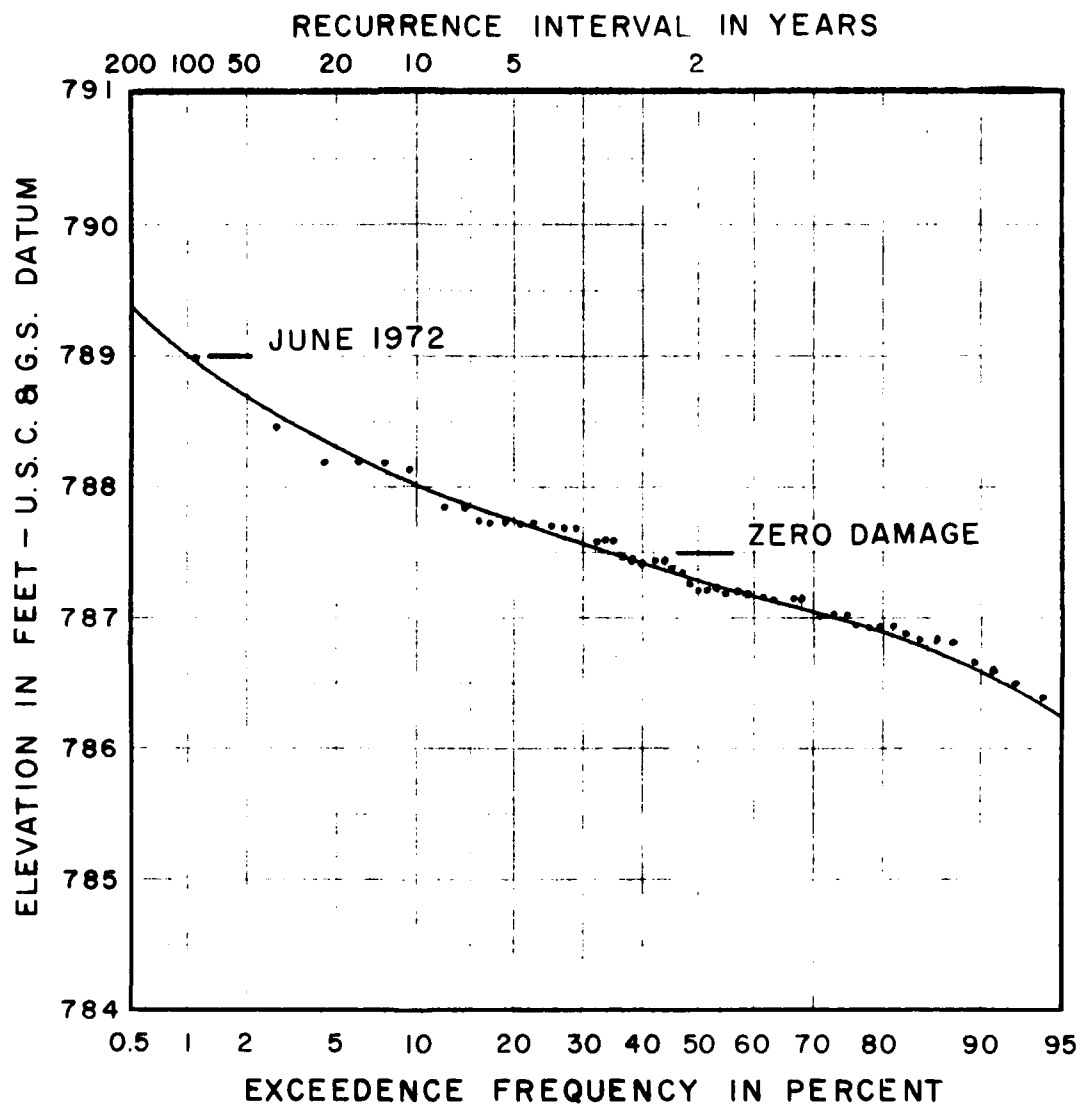


Figure 12 Flood conditions on Ninemile Creek at Camillus Cutlery Co., Camillus, NY.

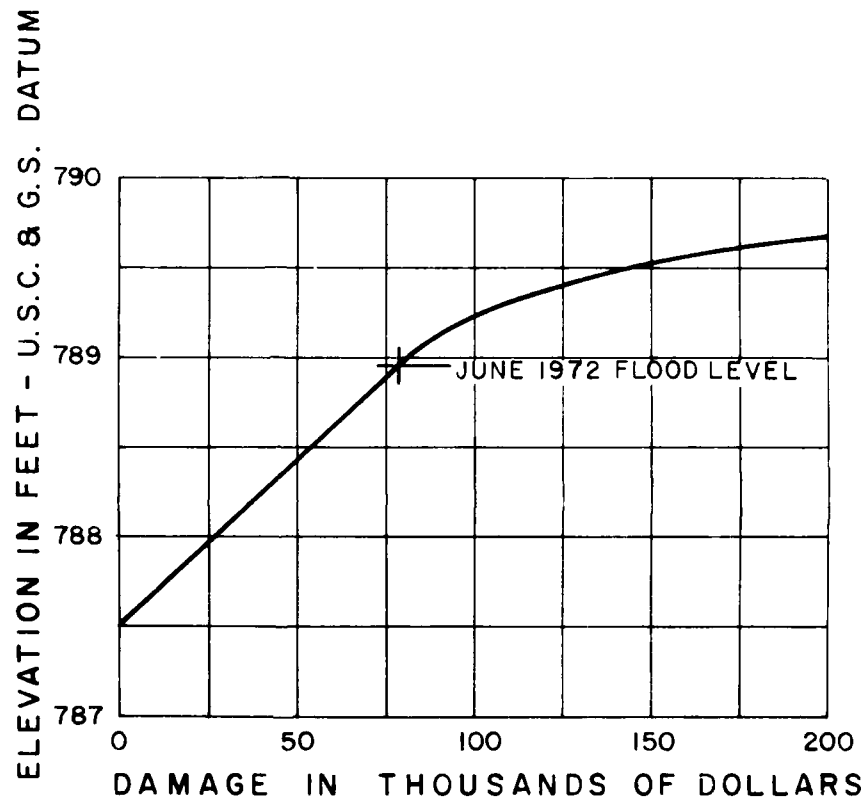


**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1911-1964, 1966-1972 (61 YEARS).  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

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TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
OTISCO LAKE AT OTISCO, N.Y.  
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**NOTES:**

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LEVEL AND CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT.  
NON-RECURRING DAMAGES ARE NOT  
INCLUDED.

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TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-DAMAGE CURVE**  
OTISCO LAKE

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### Owasco Lake

Owasco Lake is one of the smaller lakes in the Oswego River Basin and is considerably developed with cottages and permanent-type residences. During the June 1972 flood, one of the more dramatic events that occurred was on Owasco Outlet at the State Dam. The level of the June 1972 flood was higher than it had been since 1940 and it was feared that the State Dam might fail and send a large flood wave crashing through to the City of Auburn.

The Dam is operated by the City of Auburn in accordance with a regulation schedule prepared by the Corps of Engineers. The schedule is normally compatible with flood control, water supply and the recreational needs of the area.

Flooding has not been as severe recently as it was previous to adoption of the regulation schedule. However, the June 1972 flood was severe enough to cause a considerable amount of flood damage.

The Mill (Miller) St. dam, downstream of the State Dam, of stone masonry construction remained intact. However, the west abutment was washed out, throwing the force of the Owasco Outlet against the bluff causing severe erosion. Figure 13 shows the water overtopping the west abutment and Figure 14 shows the new stream bed cut through it.

Table 16 lists the five highest recorded stages on Owasco Lake and their approximate frequency. The stage of the June 1972 flood was exceeded twice since 1920, and has an approximate frequency of occurrence of 20 years.

Stage-frequency and stage-damage curves are shown on Plates 31 and 32, respectively.

Table 16. - Five Highest Stages on Owasco Lake for the Period 1920-1972

<u>Order of Magnitude : Elevation* : Year : Approximate frequency (yrs.)</u>			
1	: 712.5	: 1936 :	40
2	: 712.5	: 1940 :	40
3	: 712.0	: 1972 :	20
4	: 711.6	: 1924 :	15
5	: 711.6	: 1958 :	15
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\* Gage located in Auburn with elevations on City of Auburn datum.

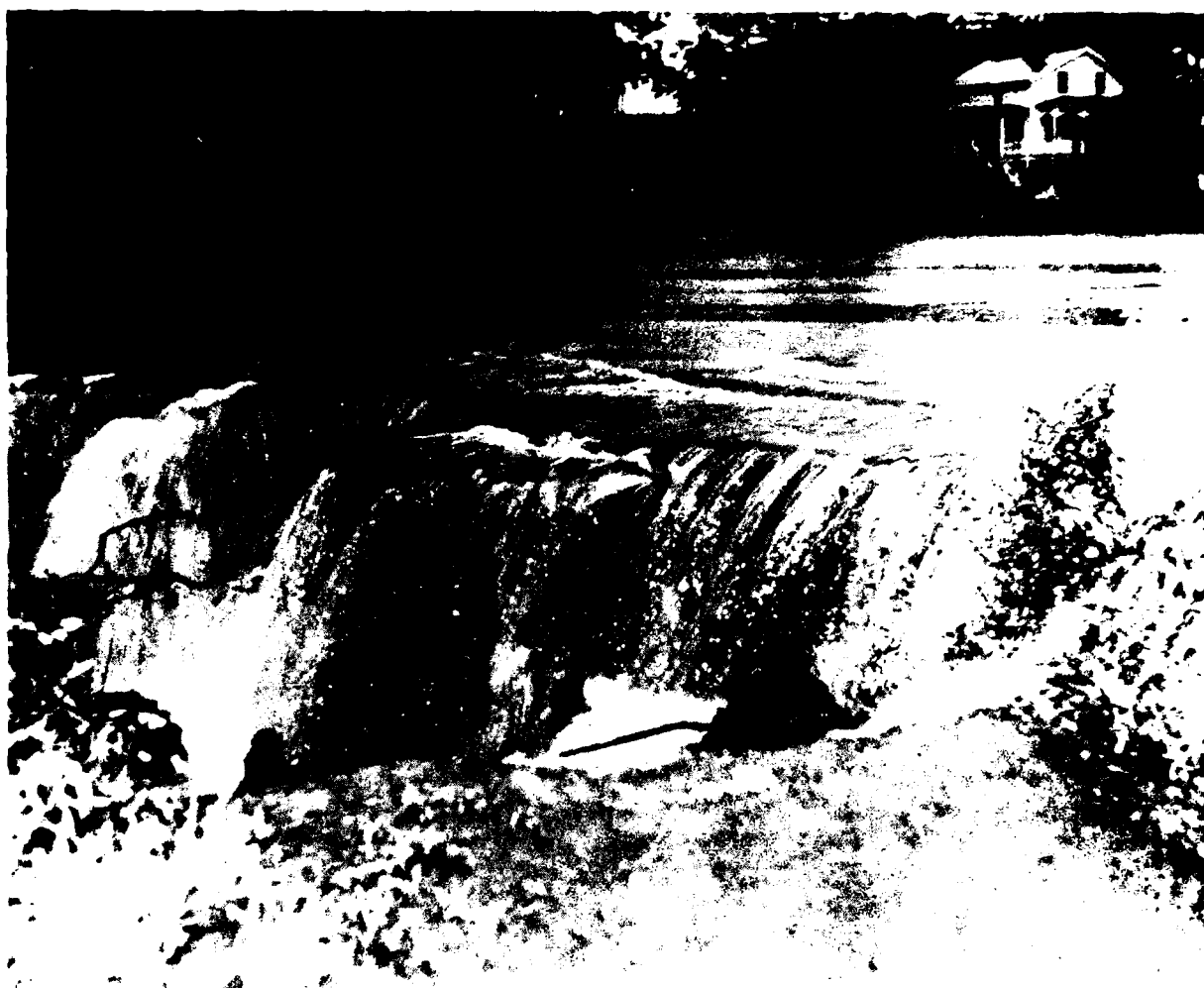
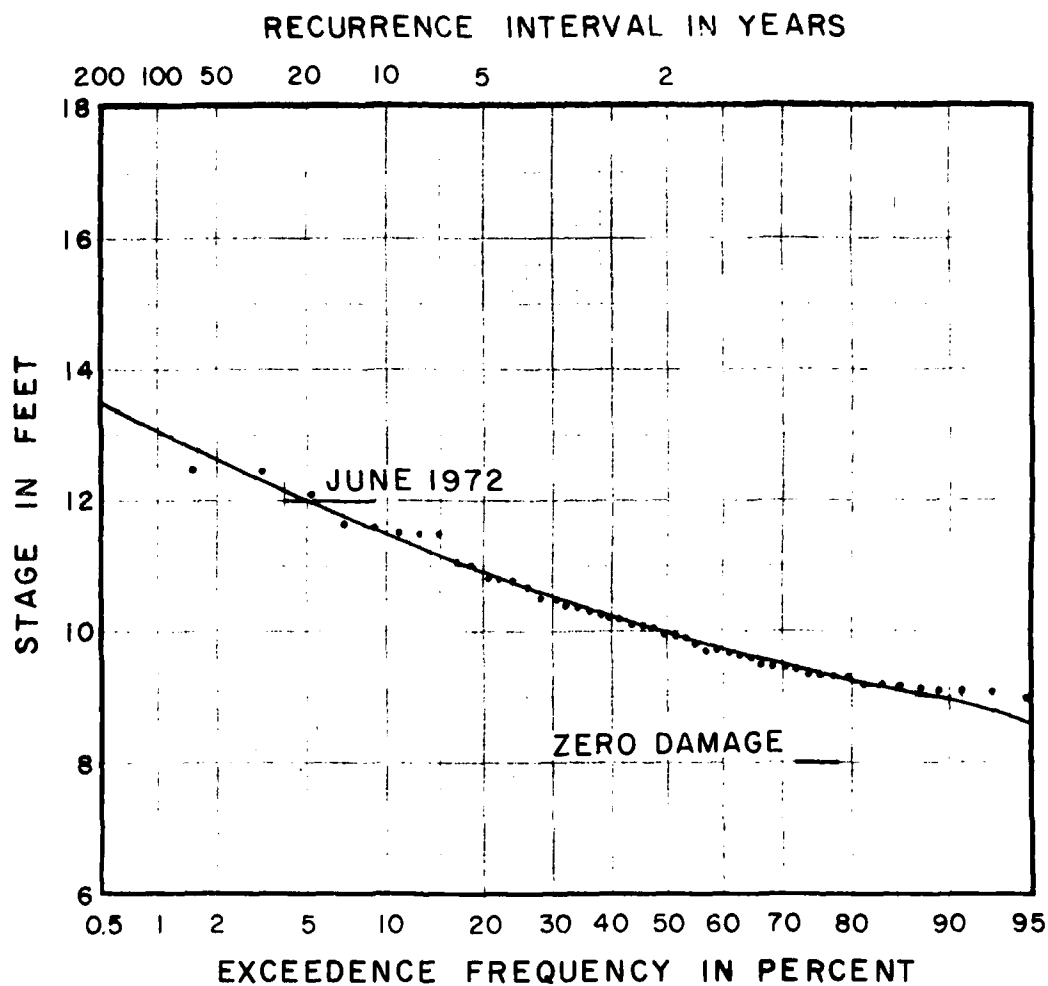


Figure 13 Flood waters top west abutment of Mill (Miller) Street Dam in Auburn on the Owasco Outlet.

Figure 14 West end of Mill (Miller) Street Dam and stream bed cut through west abutment by flood waters.





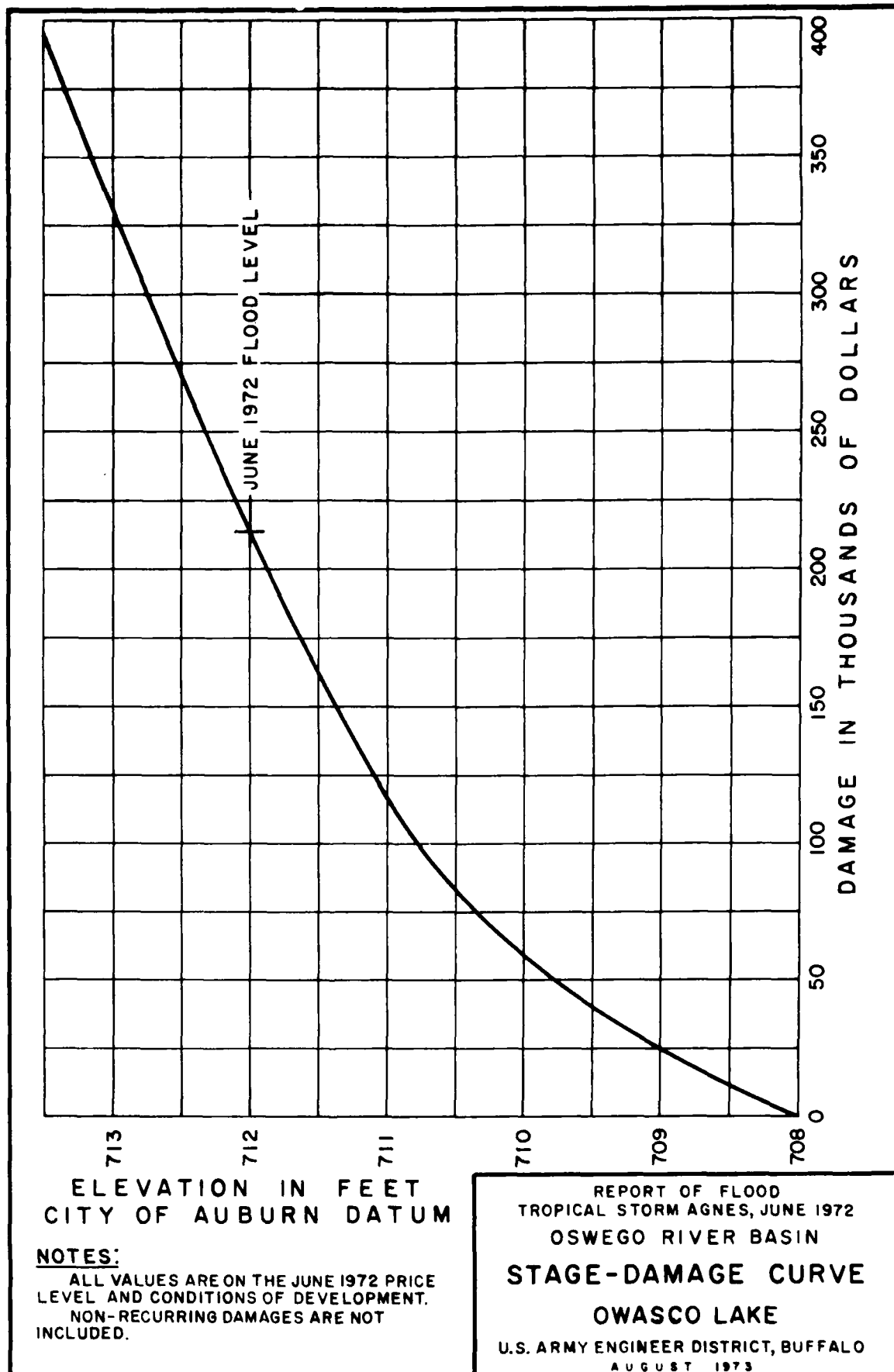
**NOTES:**

DATUM OF GAGE IS 700.00 FT. CITY OF AUBURN DATUM.

P.O.R. 1920-1972 (53 YEARS)

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS

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TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
OWASCO LAKE AT AUBURN, N.Y.  
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### Seneca Lake

Seneca Lake is the largest of the Finger Lakes and contributes substantially to the natural resources of New York State. It is 633 feet deep at its deepest point. The shoreline is intensively developed with cottages except where the banks are too high and steep to permit development.

The City of Geneva is located at the north end of the lake and Watkins Glen is located at the south end. Watkins Glen is the site of the Grand Prix auto race and is a leading vacation center.

During the navigation season, under the present conditions of regulation, Seneca Lake elevation is maintained between 447.0 and 445.0, if possible. Prior to the navigation season the lake is drawn down to elevation 444.0 before March 10 to allow room for the storage of spring runoff. If spring runoff causes the lake to reach 447.0 or higher, water is released through a flood gate at the control structure at Waterloo which is the location of the first lock downstream of Seneca Lake on the Cayuga-Seneca Canal.

Standard efforts to avert flooding on Seneca Lake during Tropical Storm "Agnes" failed. As can be seen on the stage hydrograph on Plate 33, the lake rose approximately three feet from 20 June to 24 June.

There is a U.S.G.S. water stage recorder on Seneca Lake located in Watkins Glen. Table 17 lists the five highest recorded stages and their approximate frequency. The June 1972 flood has an approximate frequency of occurrence of 100 years.

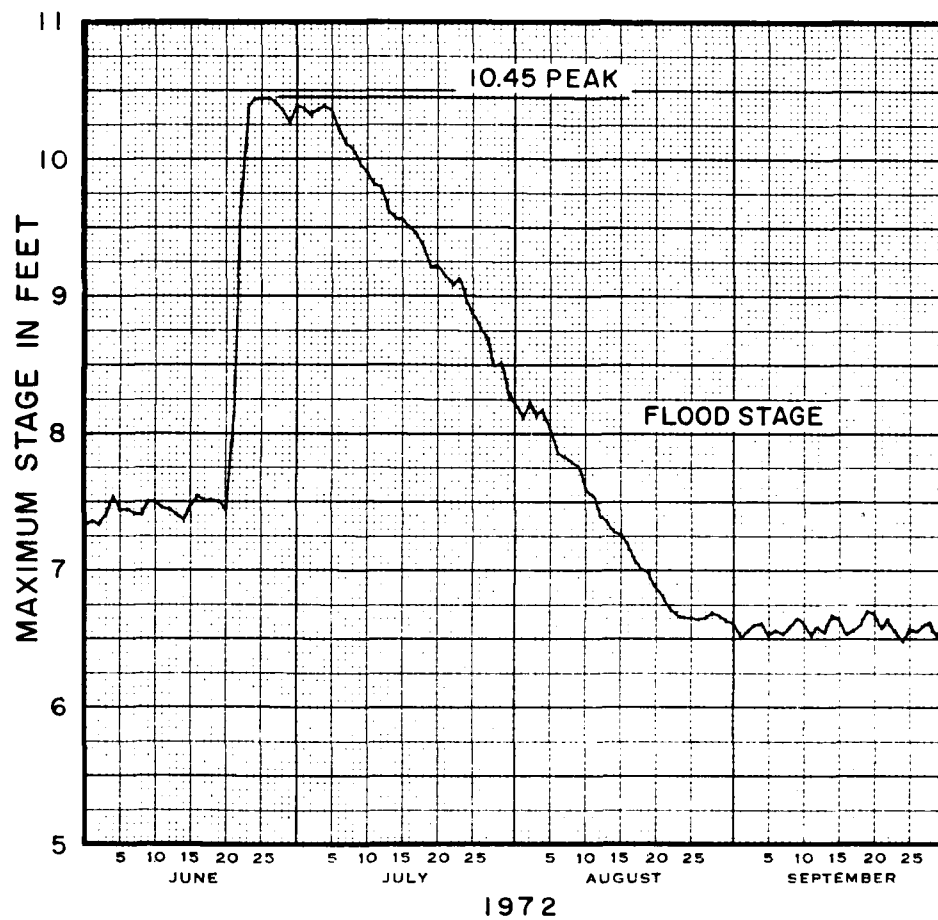
Stage-frequency and stage-damage curves are shown on Plates 34 and 35, respectively.



Table 17. - Five Highest Stages on Seneca Lake for the Period 1913-1972

<u>Order of Magnitude : Elevation : Year : Approximate frequency (yrs.)</u>			
1	: 450.4	: 1972 :	100
2	: 449.3	: 1935 :	40
3	: 448.8	: 1936 :	20
4	: 448.7	: 1950 :	15
5	: 448.6	: 1927 :	15
	:	:	:

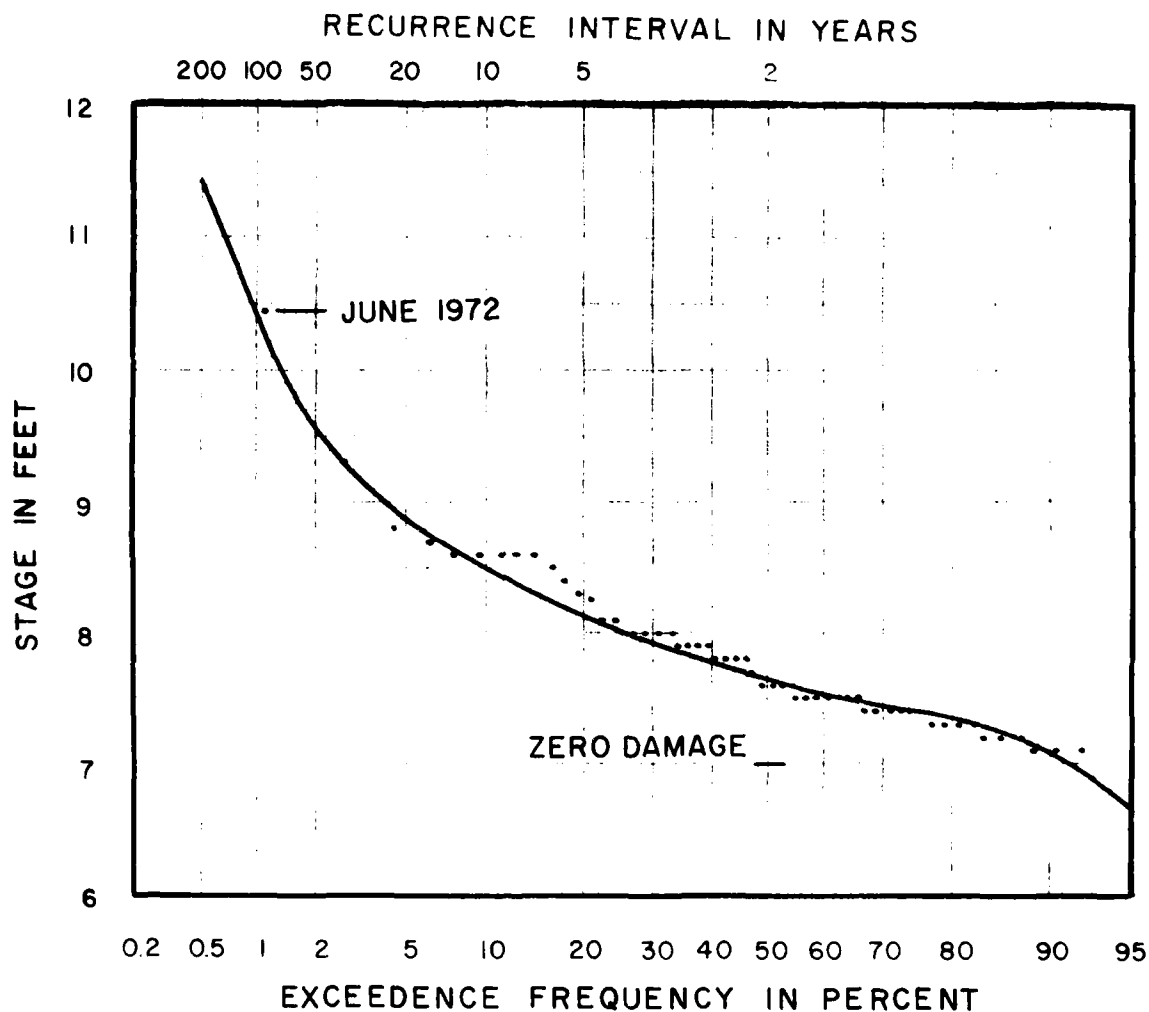
U.S.G.S. continuous recording gage located at Watkins Glen, NY, from 1957 to present. All other elevations are daily readings from the Barge Canal Gage located at Watkins Glen. Elevations are on Barge Canal datum.



**NOTES:**

DATUM OF GAGE IS 438.41 FT. ABOVE  
MEAN SEA LEVEL, (440.0 FT. BARGE  
CANAL DATUM.)

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TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
STAGE HYDROGRAPH  
SENECA LAKE  
AT WATKINS GLEN, N.Y.  
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**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1913-1972 (60 YEARS). U.S.G.S. CONTINUOUS RECORDING GAGE THIS LOCATION FROM 1957 TO PRESENT. ALL OTHER STAGES ARE DAILY READINGS FROM THE BARGE CANAL GAGE THIS LOCATION.

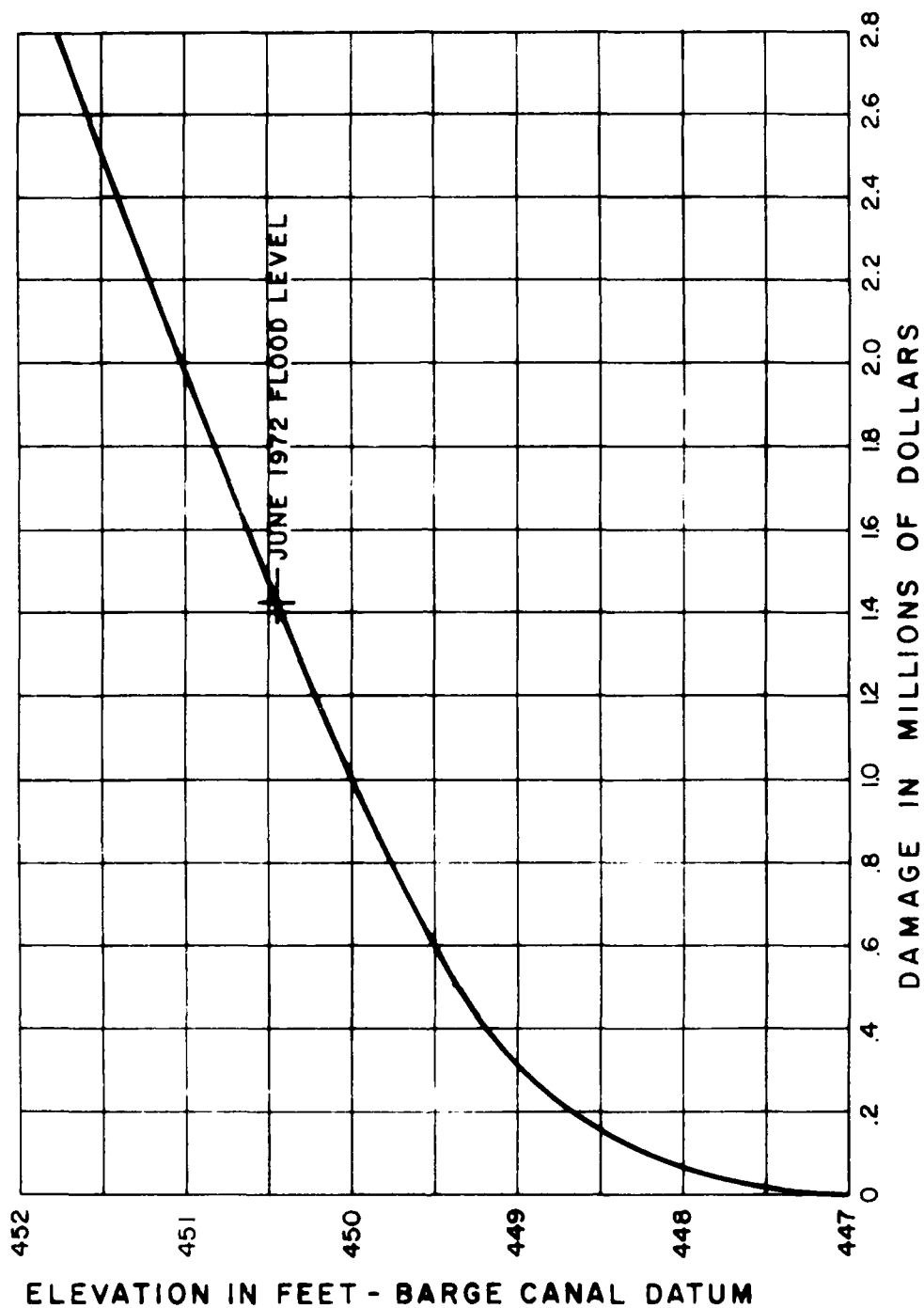
DATUM OF GAGE IS 438.41 FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL, (440.0 FEET BARGE CANAL DATUM).

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN

**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE  
SENECA LAKE AT WATKINS GLEN  
NEW YORK**

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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-DAMAGE CURVE**  
SENECA LAKE

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### Skaneateles Lake

Skaneateles Lake is located in the central part of the Oswego River Basin. Where possible, the shoreline is considerably developed with cottages and permanent-type residences. In recent years there has been a gradual trend of converting summer cottages to permanent residences.

The Village of Skaneateles is located at the north end of the lake. Here the outflow from Skaneateles Lake is regulated by the City of Syracuse which uses the lake as a source of water supply. Skaneateles Creek which is the natural outlet for the lake flows through the Village of Jordan.

The June 1972 flood on Skaneateles Lake reached a record level, breaking the previous record of 1922 by approximately 0.7 foot. Regulation of the lake became a source of irritation during the June 1972 flood as it has during past floods. Some residents on the lake felt that larger releases from the lake should have been made to help alleviate flood conditions on the lake while residents along Skaneateles Creek were of the opinion that larger releases would not have significantly reduced levels on the lake and would actually make matters worse by flooding them, too. The control structure was operated to convey by conduits as much water as possible to City of Syracuse reservoirs and to release as much water as possible down Skaneateles Creek without flooding the residents along it. Figure 15 shows flooding conditions on Skaneateles Lake.

Lake level records are kept by the City of Syracuse. Table 18 lists the five highest recorded stages for Skaneateles Lake and their approximate frequency. The June 1972 flood stage has an approximate frequency of occurrence of 100 years.

Stage-frequency and stage-discharge curves are shown on Plates 36 and 37.

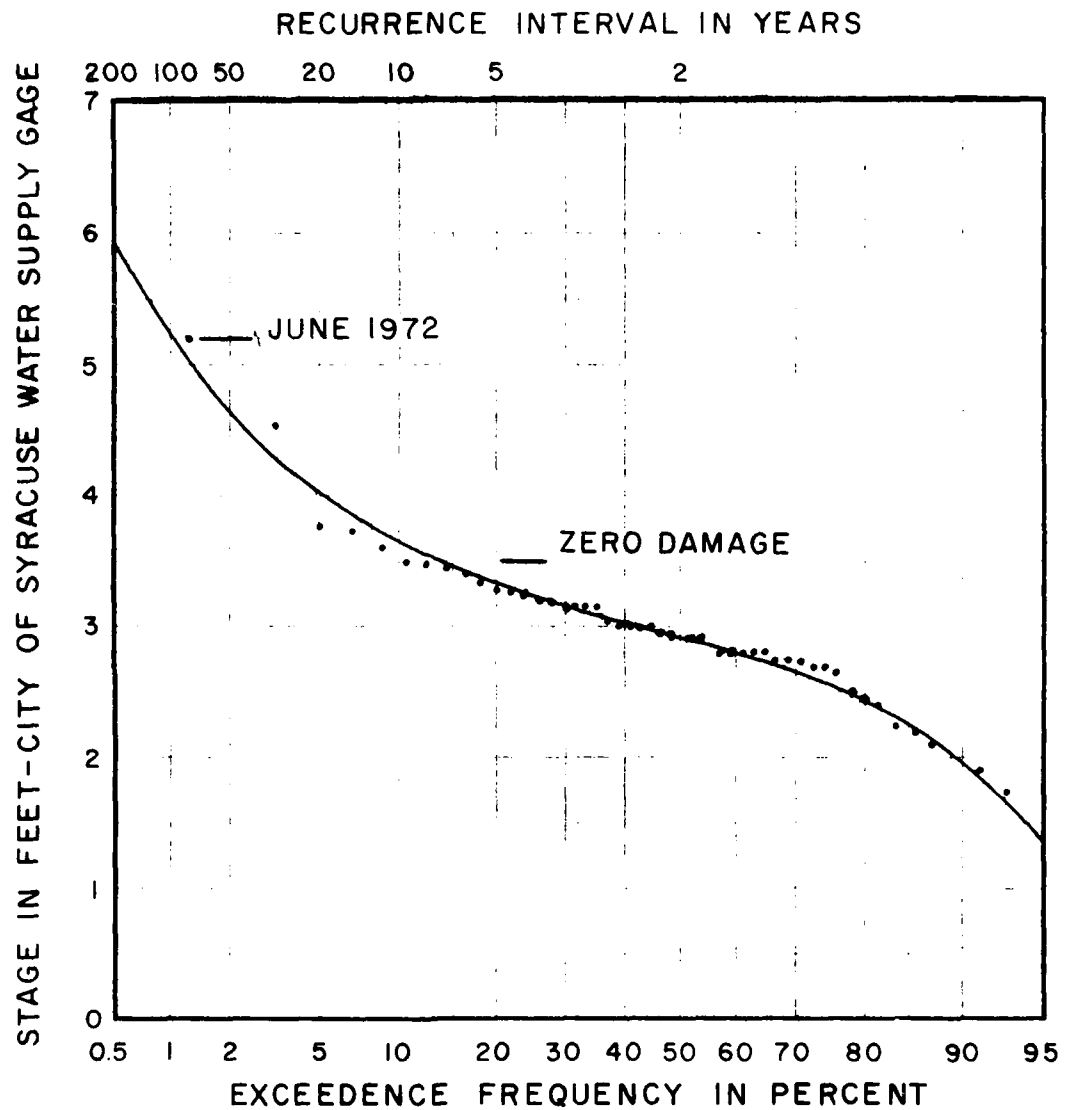
Table 18. - Five Highest Stages on Skaneateles Lake for the Period  
1920-1972

Order of Magnitude	:	Elevation*	:	Year	:	Approximate Frequency (Yrs.)
1	:	865.2	:	1972	:	100
2	:	864.5	:	1922	:	45
3	:	863.8	:	1923	:	15
4	:	863.7	:	1947	:	10
5	:	863.6	:	1950	:	10

\*Gage located at Skaneateles, City of Syracuse Water Supply datum



Figure 15 Flooding along rear of Genesee St. businesses on Skaneateles Lake.



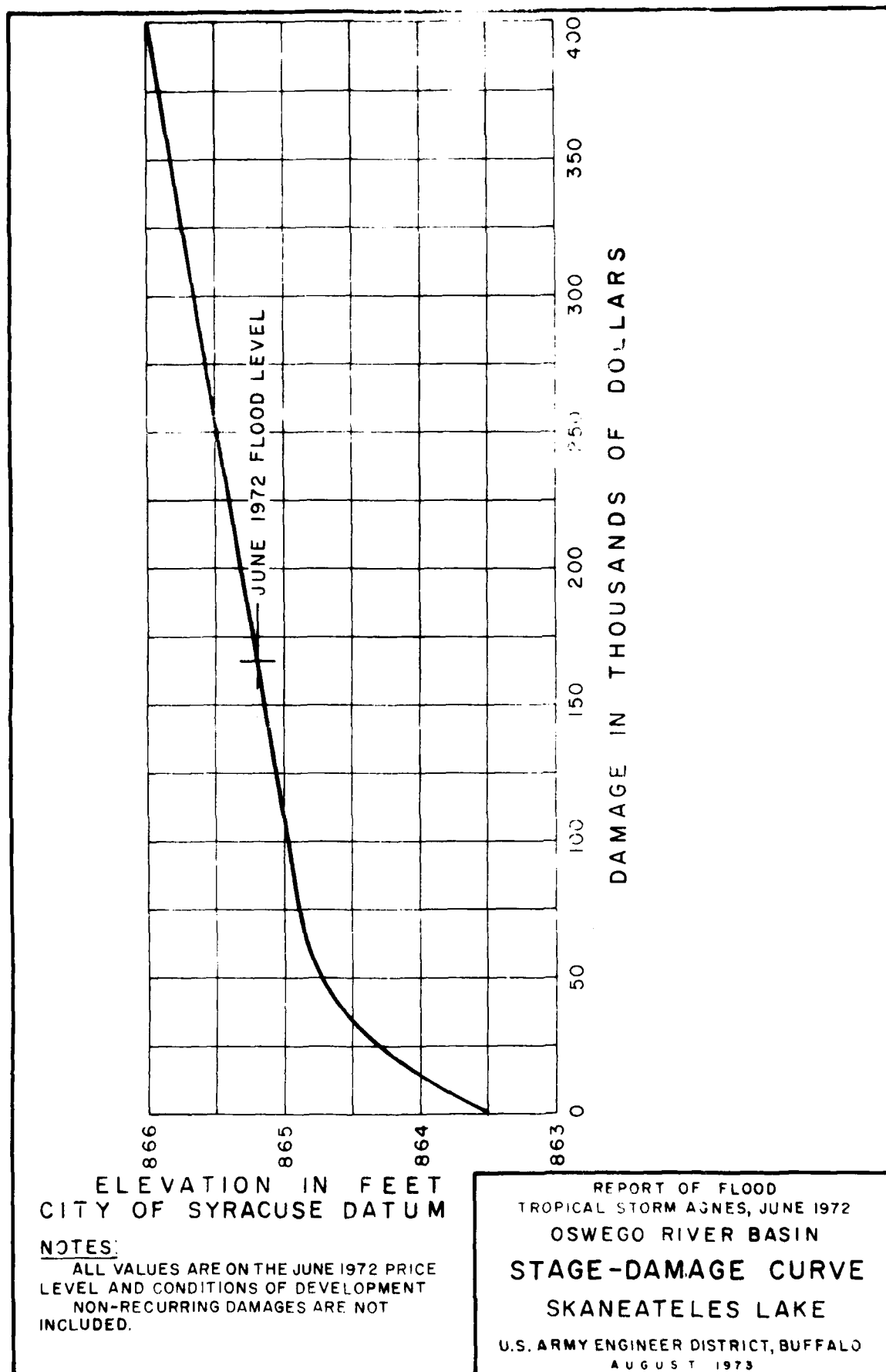
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DATUM OF GAGE IS 860.00 FT. ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL, CITY OF SYRACUSE DATUM.

P.O.R. 1920-1972 (53 YEARS).

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SENECA, CLYDE, ONEIDA, AND OSWEGO RIVERS AND THE NEW YORK STATE BARGE CANAL

The entitled rivers and the Barge Canal form the basic outflow network for the Lakes of the Oswego River Basin. Flooding along them is usually of longer duration than on other Buffalo District streams because of the prolonged periods of high outflows from the various lakes. Also, flooding usually occurs during the spring before heavy agricultural and recreational losses can be realized. These floods are generally the result of snowmelt runoff, augmented by moderate amounts of rainfall. "Agnes" was different in that it occurred after planting and after much of the fertilizing had been completed, and at the onset of the boating and recreation season. These factors helped to make "Agnes" one of the most damaging storms ever felt in the Oswego River Basin.

One of the more serious results of the flood was that many young farmers who had borrowed large amounts of money to establish sound farming operations were literally wiped out by the flood. The areas adjacent to the Seneca River in the Savannah-Montezuma Muckland is very fertile area and intensively farmed.

Flood waters in the Barge Canal were well above normal and flooded the residential areas of Jack's Reef, Baldwinsville, Hayes Road, and Horseshoe Island. Most areas along the Barge Canal that were flooded are within the limits of flowage easements owned by New York State. People have bought and elected to build in these areas and consequently have tasted the ravages of flooding.

Agricultural and non-agricultural damages were determined separately and their damage reach limits are different. Tables 19 and 20 give a brief description of the agricultural and non-agricultural damage reaches, respectively. Tables 21 and 22 give the estimated June 1972 flood damages and average annual damages by reaches.

Figures 16 through 18 show flood conditions along the Seneca River.

The flooded areas on Seneca, Clyde, Oneida and Oswego Rivers and the New York State Barge Canal are shown on Plates 38 through 52.

Stage-frequency and stage-damage curves are shown on Plates 53 through 105.

Table 19. - Agricultural Damage Reaches

Designation	:	Description
O-1	:	Oneida River - Brewerton to Caughdenoy
O-2	:	Oneida River - Caughdenoy to Three Rivers
O-3	:	Mud Creek
O-4	:	Six Mile Creek
OS-1	:	Oswego River - Three Rivers to Phoenix
S-3	:	Seneca River - Black, Butler, and Crusoe Creeks
S-4	:	Seneca River - Mays Point to Savannah Muck
S-5	:	Seneca River - Howland Island, Mud Pond, and Spring Lake Outlet
S-6	:	Seneca River - South of Canal, mud Lock to Port Byron
S-7	:	Seneca River - Port Byron to Weedsport
S-8	:	Seneca River - Muskrat Creek
S-9	:	Seneca River - Weedsport to Jack's Reef
S-10	:	Cross Lake
S-11	:	Seneca River - Jack's Reef to Baldwinsville
S-12	:	Dead Creek
S-13	:	Seneca River - Baldwinsville to Onondaga Lake
S-14	:	Seneca River - Onondaga Lake to Three Rivers
C-1	:	Clyde River - Lyons
C-2	:	Clyde River - Dublin Brook
C-3	:	Clyde River - Penn Central Railroad Bridge
C-4	:	Clyde River - Melvin Brook
C-5	:	Clyde River - Clyde Village to May's Point
C-6	:	Clyde River - Montezuma Marsh

Table 20. - Non-Agricultural Damage Reaches

Designation	Description	Length In Miles
1A	Oswego River - Lake Ontario to Phoenix	19.5
1	Oswego River - Phoenix to Three Rivers	2.4
2	Oneida River - Three Rivers to Big Bend Cut	1.1
3	Oneida River - Horseshoe Island	4.7
4	Oneida River - Big Bend Cut	1.0
5	Oneida River - Big Bend Cut to Caughdenoy	7.5
6	Oneida River - Caughdenoy to Oneida Lake	2.6
7	Seneca River - Three Rivers to Onondaga Lake Outlet	5.2
8	Seneca River - Onondaga Lake Outlet to Baldwinsville	4.9
9	Seneca River - Baldwinsville to State Ditch Cut	8.8
10	Seneca River - at confluence with State Ditch Cut	2.8
11	State Ditch Cut	1.0
12	Seneca River - Cross Lake to Owasco Outlet	9.5
13	NY State Barge Canal - Owasco Outlet to Montezuma Marsh	5.1
14	Seneca River - Owasco Outlet to Montezuma Marsh	8.7
15	NY State Barge Canal - in Montezuma Marsh	2.6
16	Clyde River - Cayuga Outlet to May's Point	2.3
17	Clyde River and NY State Barge Canal - May's Point to Lock E-26	6.1
18	Clyde River and NY State Barge Canal - Lock E-26 to downstream confluence of Clyde River and NY State Barge Canal	3.6
19	NY State Barge Canal between confluences of Clyde River and NY State Barge Canal	5.7
20	Clyde River between confluences of Clyde River and NY State Barge Canal	8.2
21	NY State Barge Canal - Confluence of Reaches 19 and 20 to Lock E-27	3.1
22	Ganargua Creek - Lock E-27 to Ganargua side spillway	11.6
23	NY State Barge Canal - Ganargua side spillway to Lock E-29	3.0
24	NY State Barge Canal - Lock E-29 to Lock E-30	2.7
25	NY State Barge Canal - Lock E-30 to Fairport	7.1
26	Cayuga-Seneca Canal - Montezuma Marsh to Mud Lock CS-1	4.2
27	Cayuga-Seneca Canal - Mud Lock CS-1 to Locks CS-2 and 3 at Seneca Falls	3.1
28	Cayuga-Seneca Canal - Locks CS-2 and 3 at Seneca Falls to Lock CS-4 at Waterloo	4.3
29	Cayuga-Seneca Canal - Lock CS-4 at Waterloo at Seneca Lake	4.7

Table 21. - Estimated Agricultural Damages

Reach	: Average Annual : Damage : \$	: Acres : Inundated	: June 1972 Flood : Damage (1) : \$
O-1	: 500	: 680	: 1,000
O-2	: 1,600	: 1,480	: 8,600
O-3	: 700	: 250	: 8,800
O-4	: 8,900	: 2,100	: 65,500
OS-1	: 600	: 70	: 4,200
S-3	: 1,500	: 1,350	: 19,500
S-4	: 46,500 (2) 79,900 (3)	: 6,150	: 522,000
S-5	: 20,600	: 5,170	: 15,100
S-6	: 9,200	: 2,390	: 59,500
S-7	: 3,100	: 1,000	: 15,100
S-8	: 0	: 0	: 0
S-9	: 2,900	: 1,000	: 26,100
S-10	: 600	: 1,470	: 2,900
S-11	: 1,400	: 730	: 6,900
S-12	: 100	: 210	: 200
S-13	: 1,200	: 1,110	: 3,800
S-14	: 200	: 1,110	: 1,100
C-1	: 100	: 160	: 100
C-2	: 1,400	: 1,030	: 9,400
C-3	: 3,200	: 2,910	: 12,400
C-4	: 500	: 290	: 6,100
C-5	: 4,700	: 2,960	: 24,000
C-6	: 300 (2) 2,900 (3)	: 2,060	: 64,200
TOTAL	: 109,800 (2) 145,800 (3)	: 35,680	: 876,500

(1) Based on price levels for the month of June, furnished by S.C.S. This table does not include hillside or tributary damage.

(2) Assume Farm levees remain in place.

(3) Assume Farm levees fail.

**TABLE 22. - Estimated Non-Agricultural Damages**

: Average Annual :		June 1972 Flood Damage (1)				
Reach :	Damage	Residential	Commercial	Public & Other	Total	
:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1-A :	N.A.	3,000	9,000	2,000	14,000	
1 :	1,600	5,000	(2)	1,000	6,000	
2 :	10,900	2,000	31,000	(2)	33,000	
3 :	46,800	88,000	63,000	(2)	151,000	
4 :	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
5 :	3,500	9,000	1,000	6,000	16,000	
6 :	40,200	32,000	41,000	6,000	79,000	
7 :	41,100	56,000	62,000	8,000	126,000	
8 :	78,100	285,000	53,000	27,000	365,000	
9 :	37,500	66,000	20,000	8,000	94,000	
10 :	22,700	75,000	(2)	(2)	75,000	
11 :	200	(2)	(2)	1,000	1,000	
12 :	39,200	170,000	94,000	46,000	310,000	
13 :	4,000	28,000	(2)	4,000	32,000	
14 :	3,900	37,000	(2)	1,000	38,000	
15 :	7,000	(2)	14,000	36,000	50,000	
16 :	12,100	7,000	60,000	35,000	102,000	
17 :	56,900	29,000	(2)	291,000	320,000	
18 :	900	(2)	(2)	2,000	2,000	
19 :	200	1,000	(2)	(2)	1,000	
20 :	1,200	4,000	(2)	(2)	4,000	
21 :	1,900	(2)	(2)	8,000	8,000	
22 :	61,600	17,000	5,000	42,000	64,000	
23 :	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
24 :	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
25 :	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
26 :	2,100	17,000	(2)	5,000	22,000	
27 :	2,100	22,000	(2)	9,000	31,000	
28 :	2,200	(2)	(2)	7,000	7,000	
29 :	9,400	6,000	158,000	1,000	165,000	
TOTAL :	486,300	959,000	611,000	546,000	2,116,000	

(1) Does not include hillside or tributary damage.

(2) Assumed to be negligible.

Figure 16 Flooding along Hayes Road between Red Rock and Cold Springs on the Seneca River.

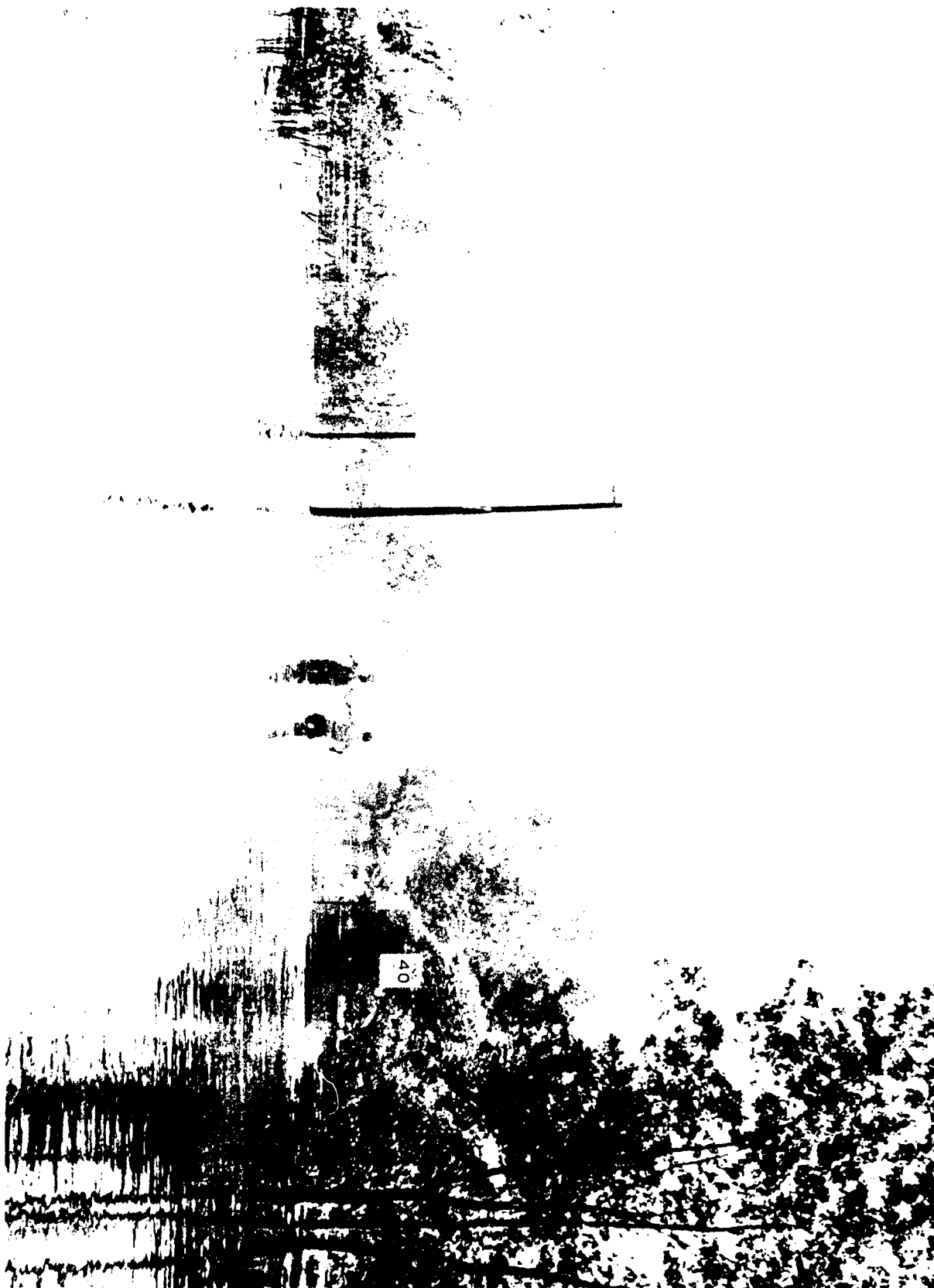


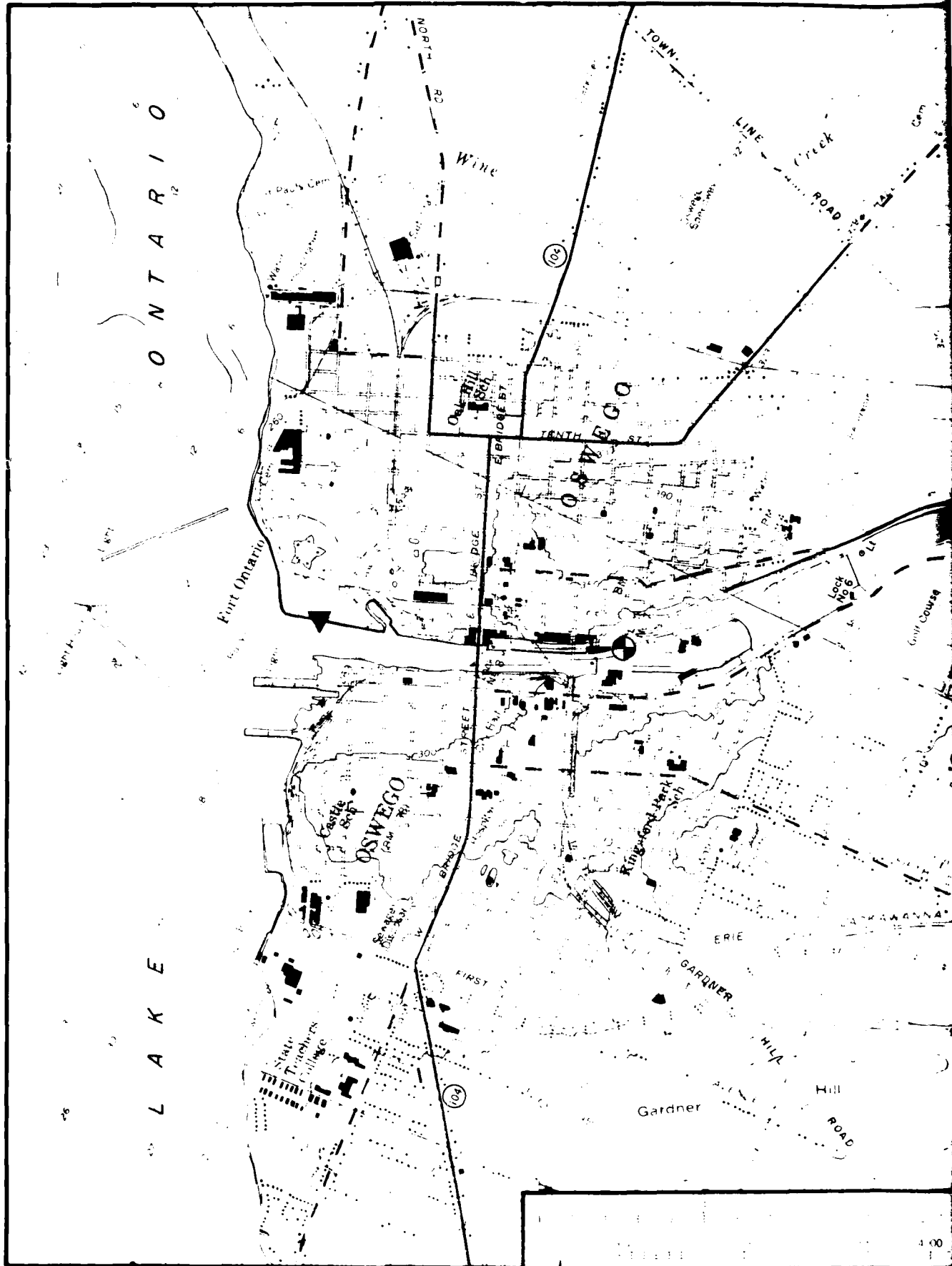


Figure 17 Building under construction on Hayes Road inundated by flood waters from the Seneca River.

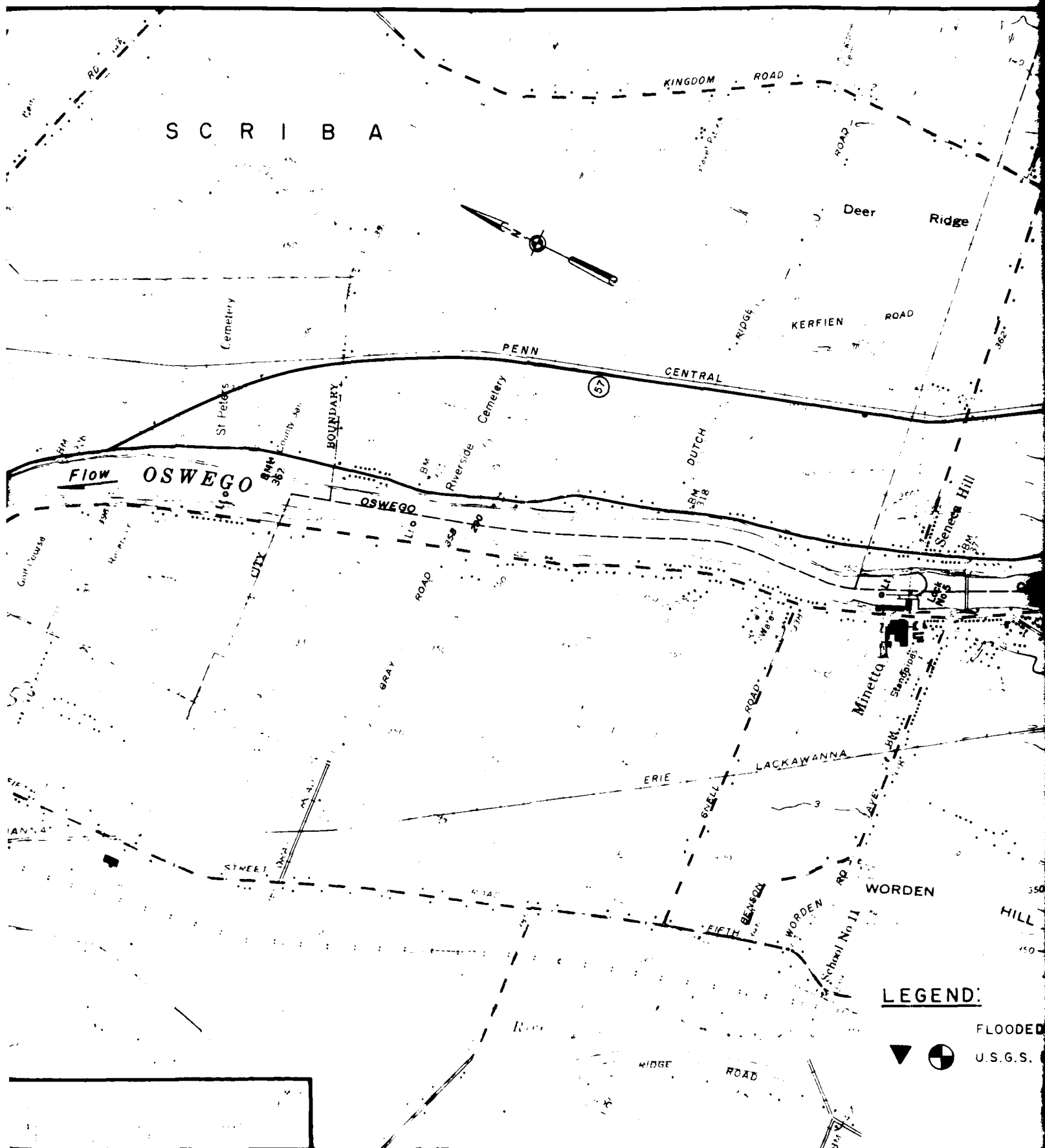
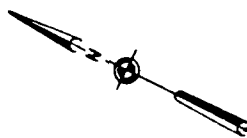
Figure 18 Flood waters from the Seneca River inundated service station on Hayes Road in the Cold Springs area.







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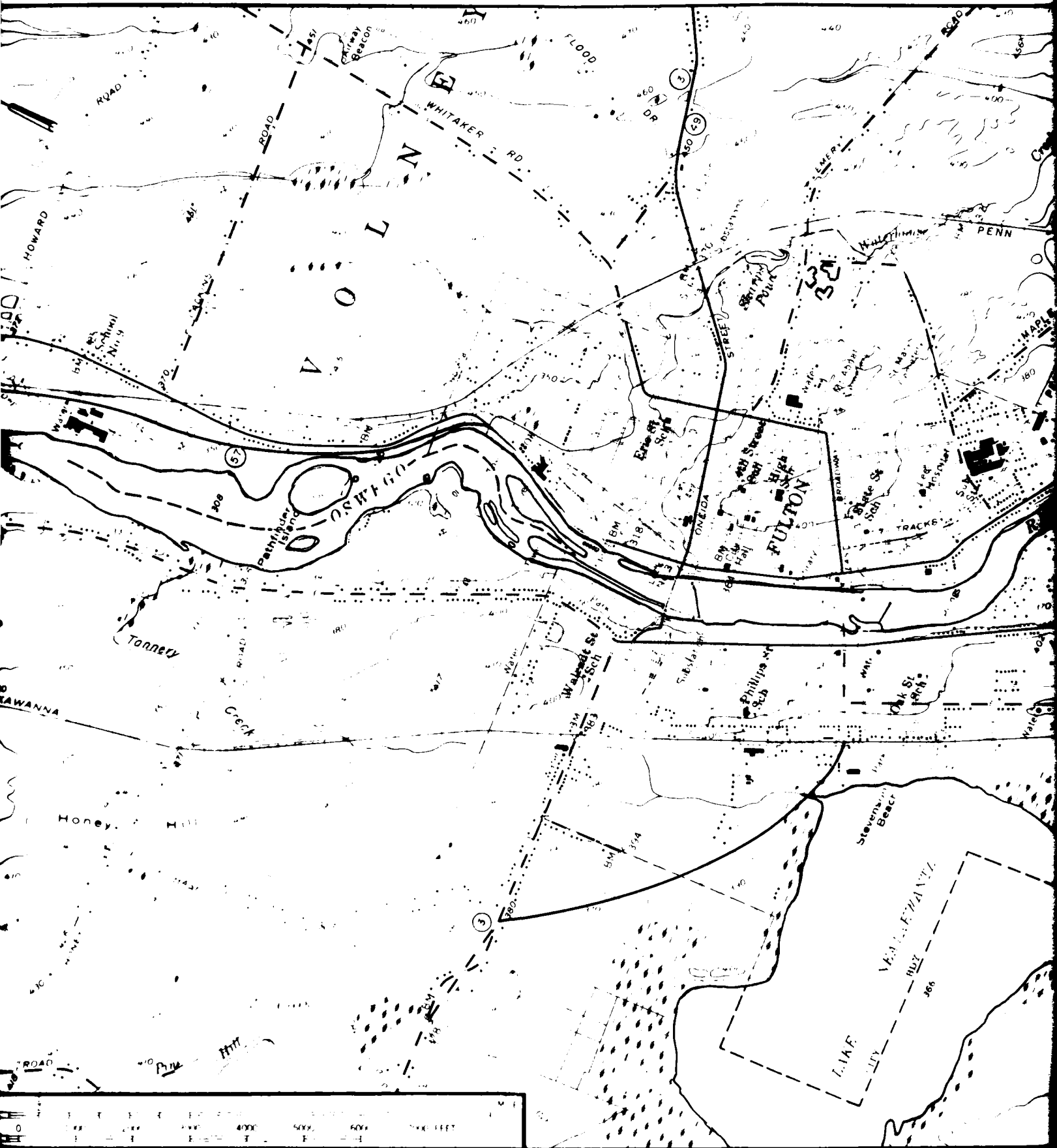
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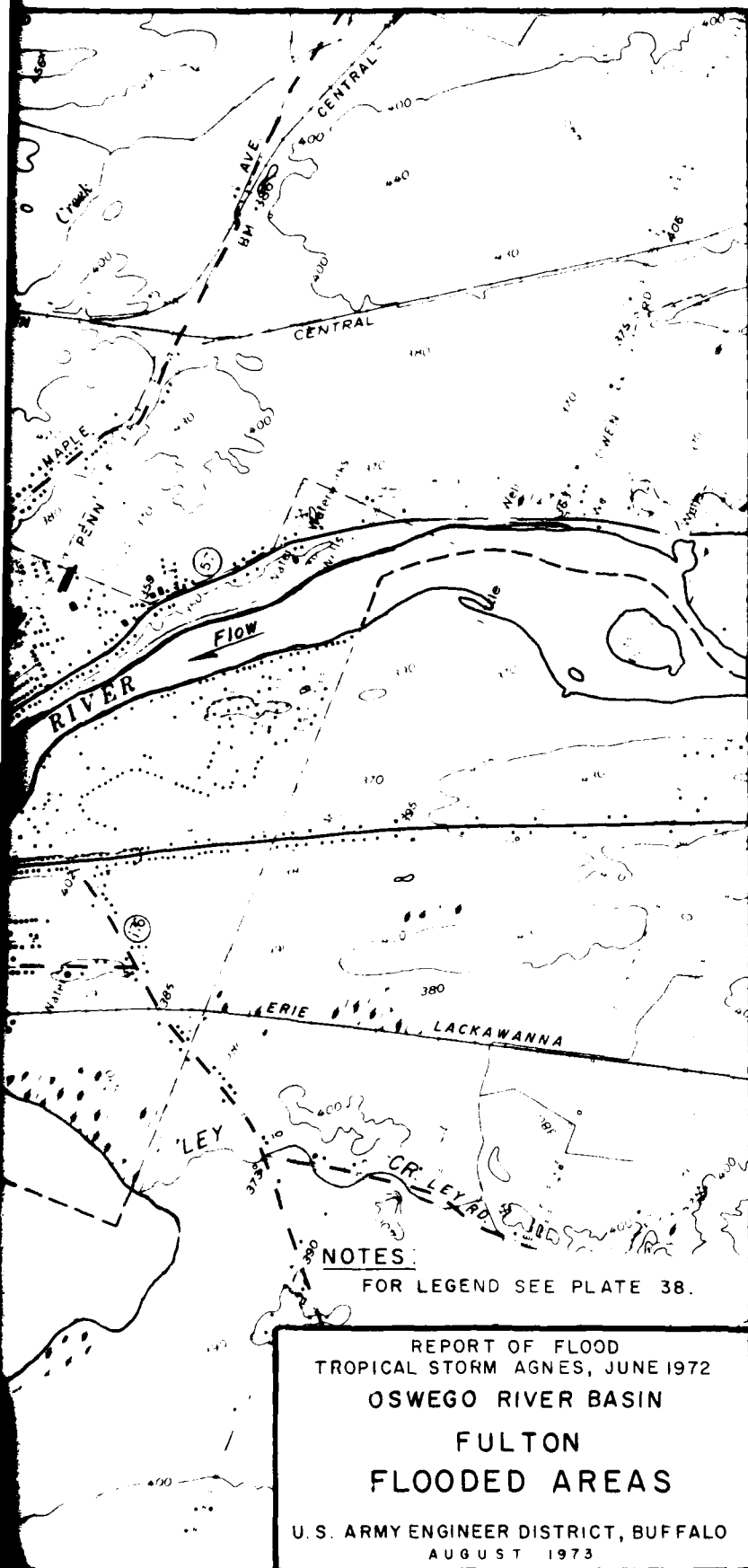
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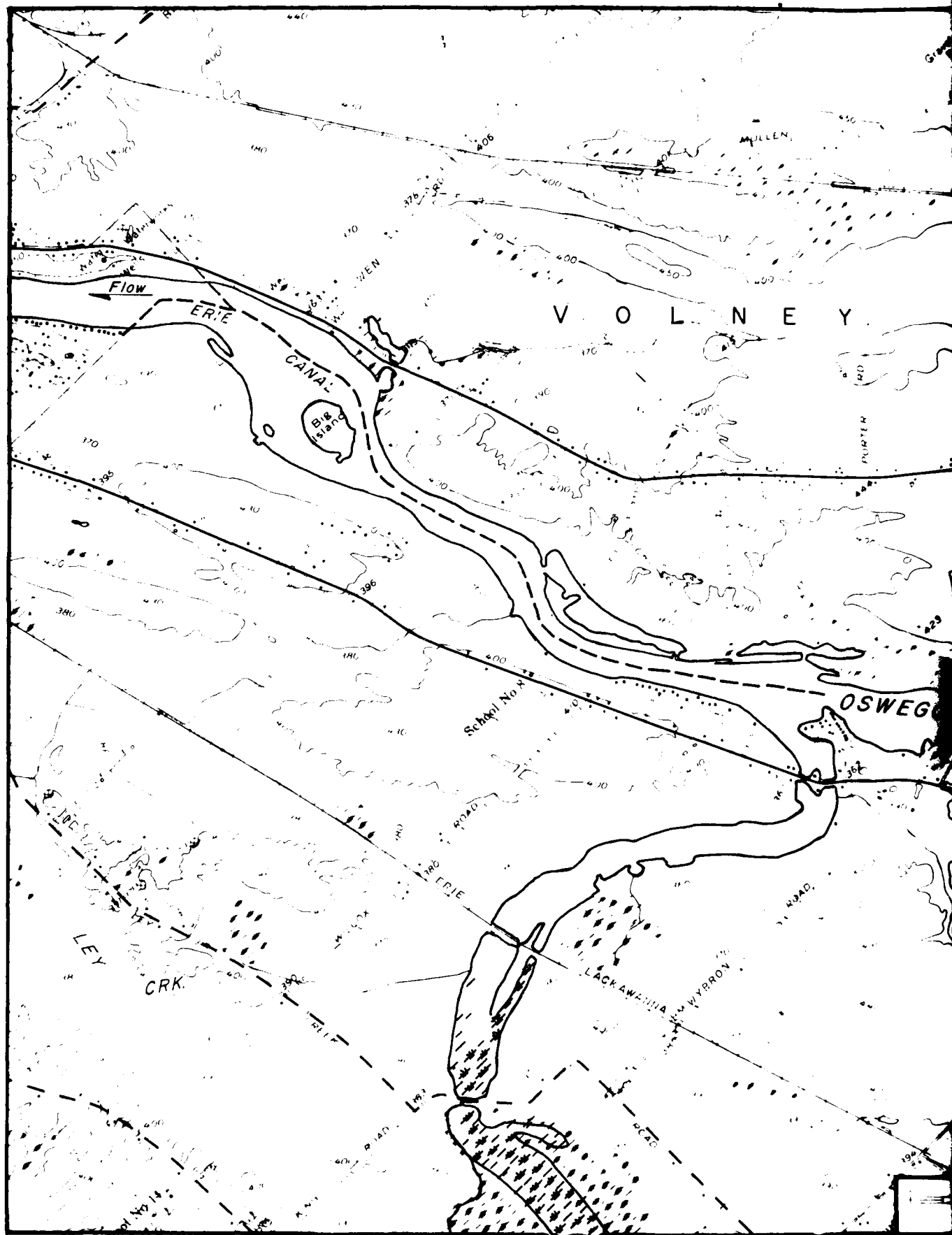
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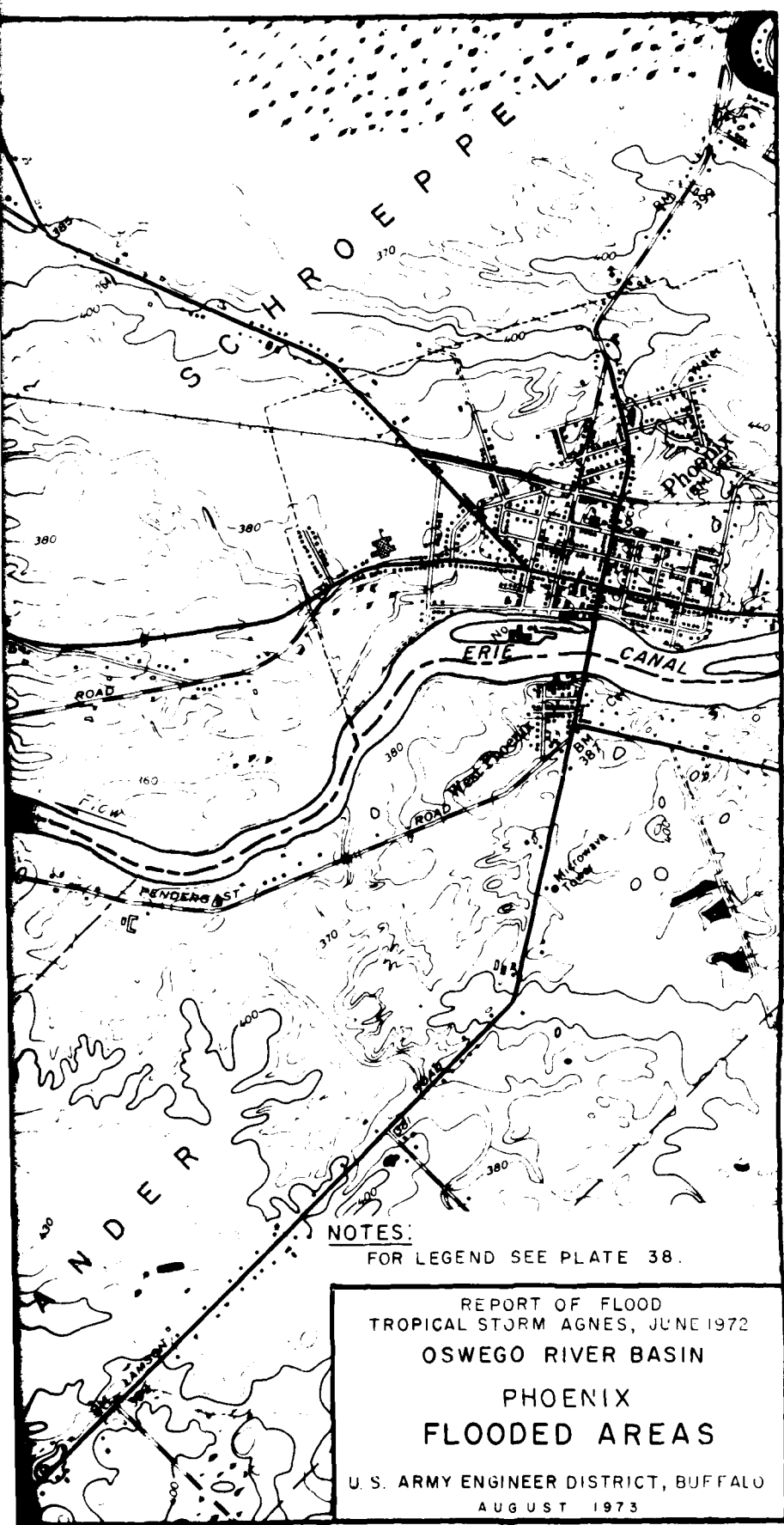


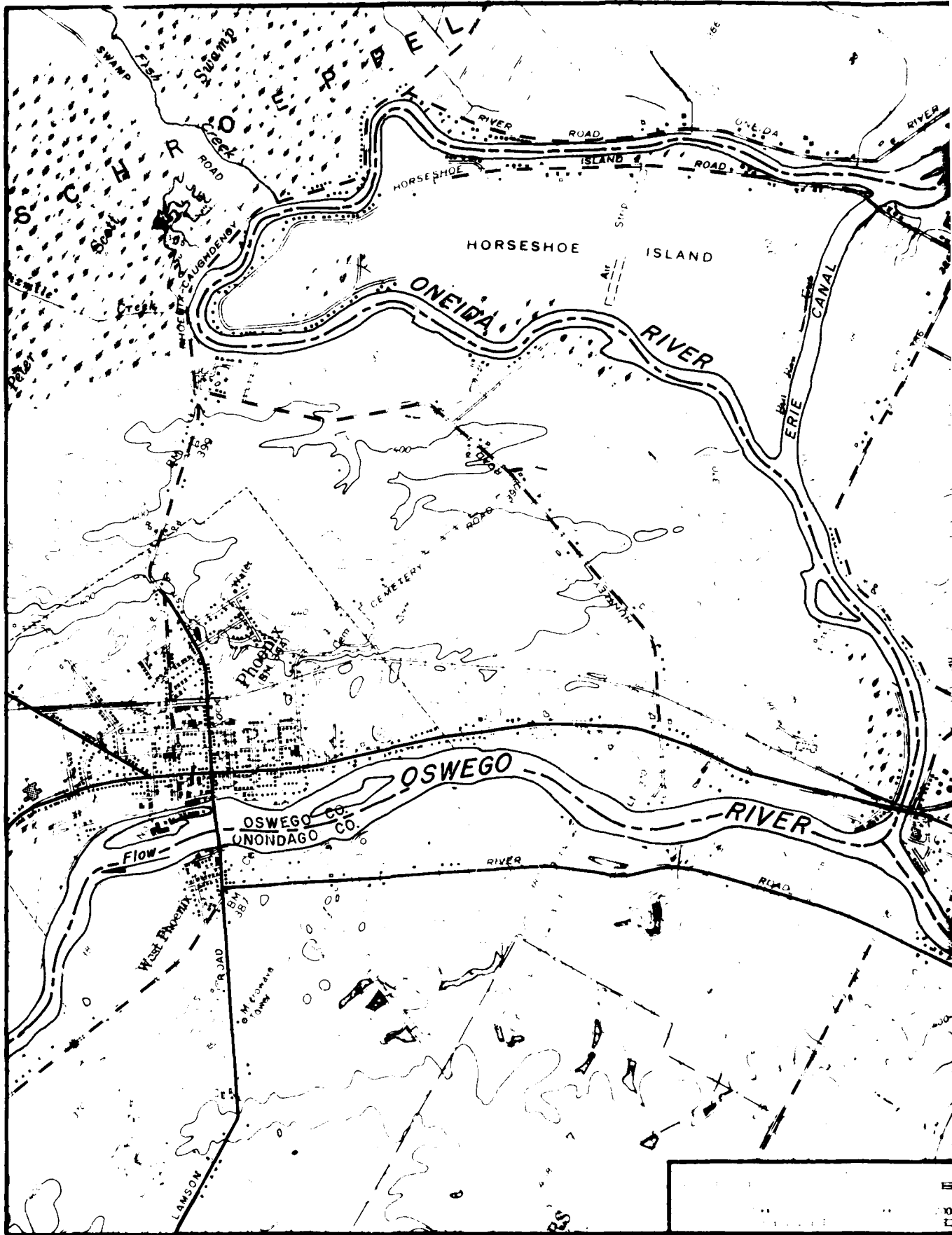




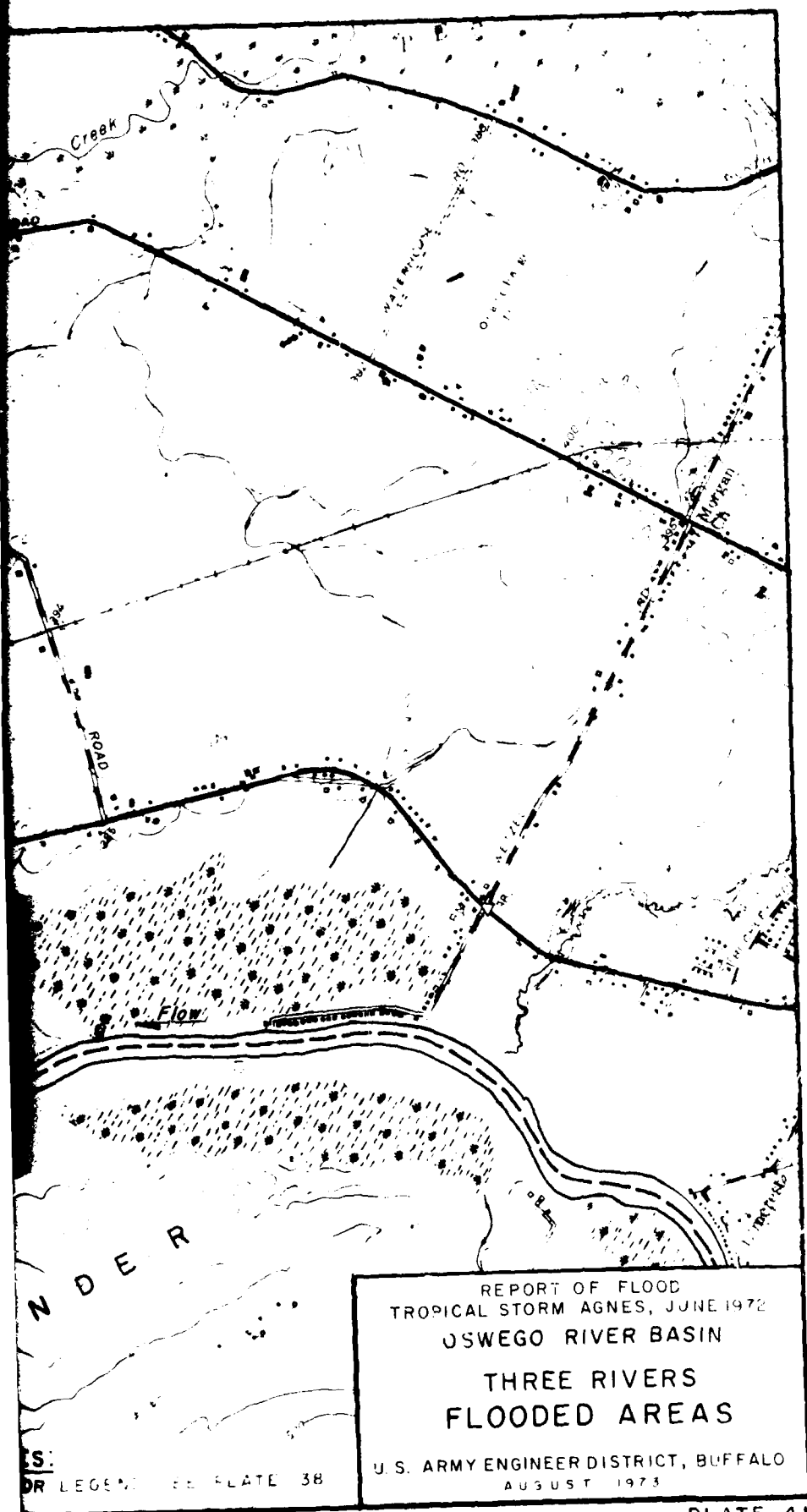


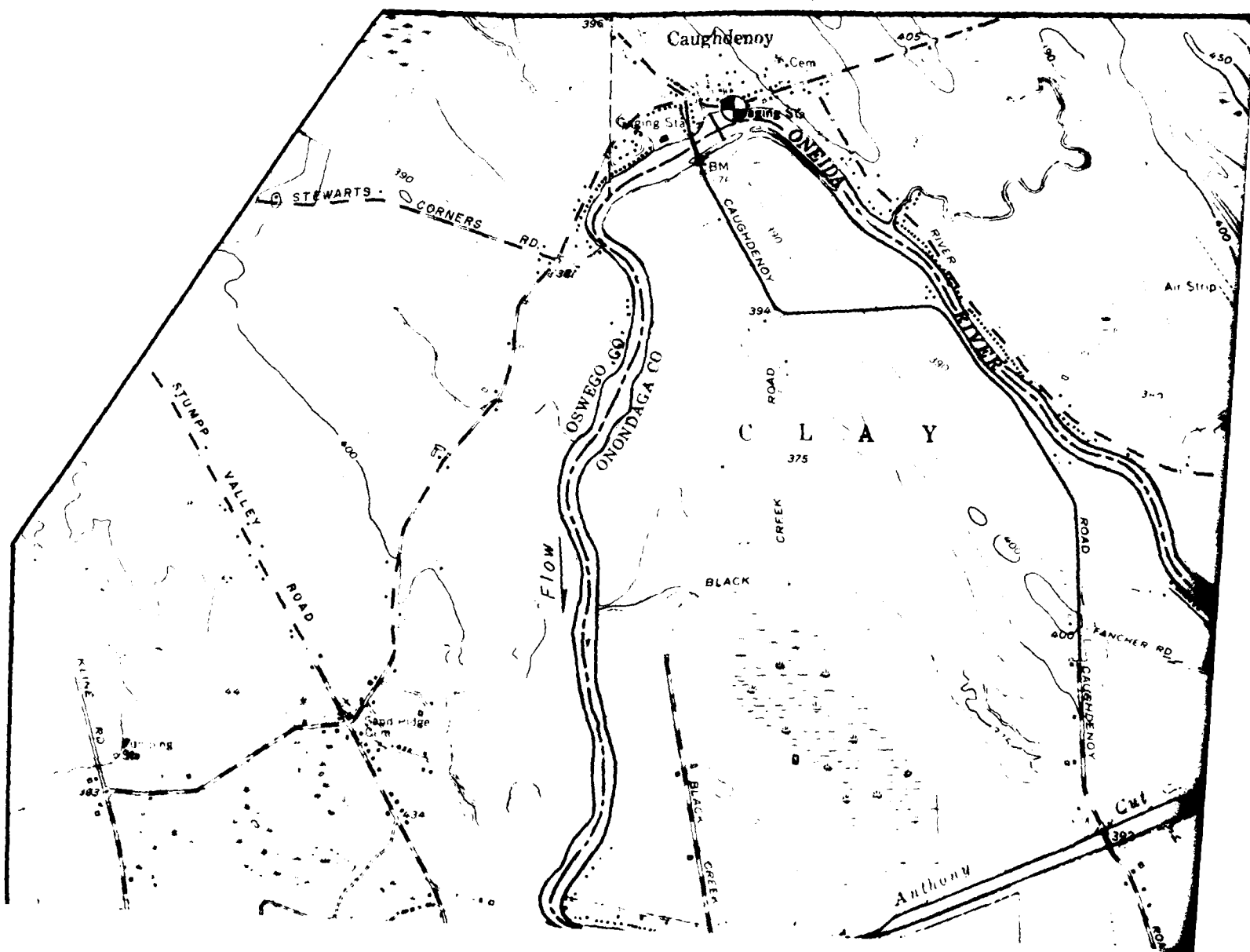


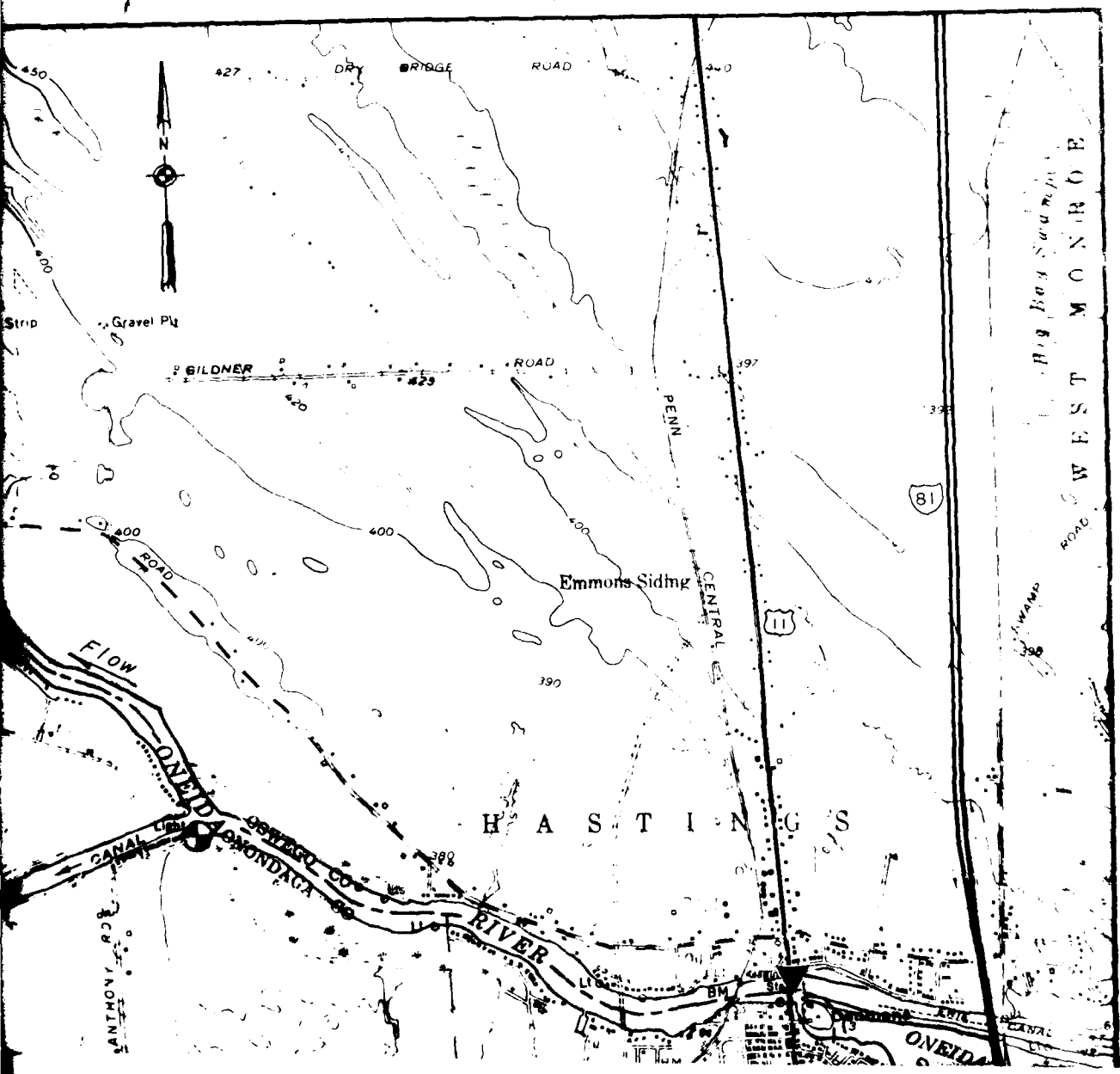


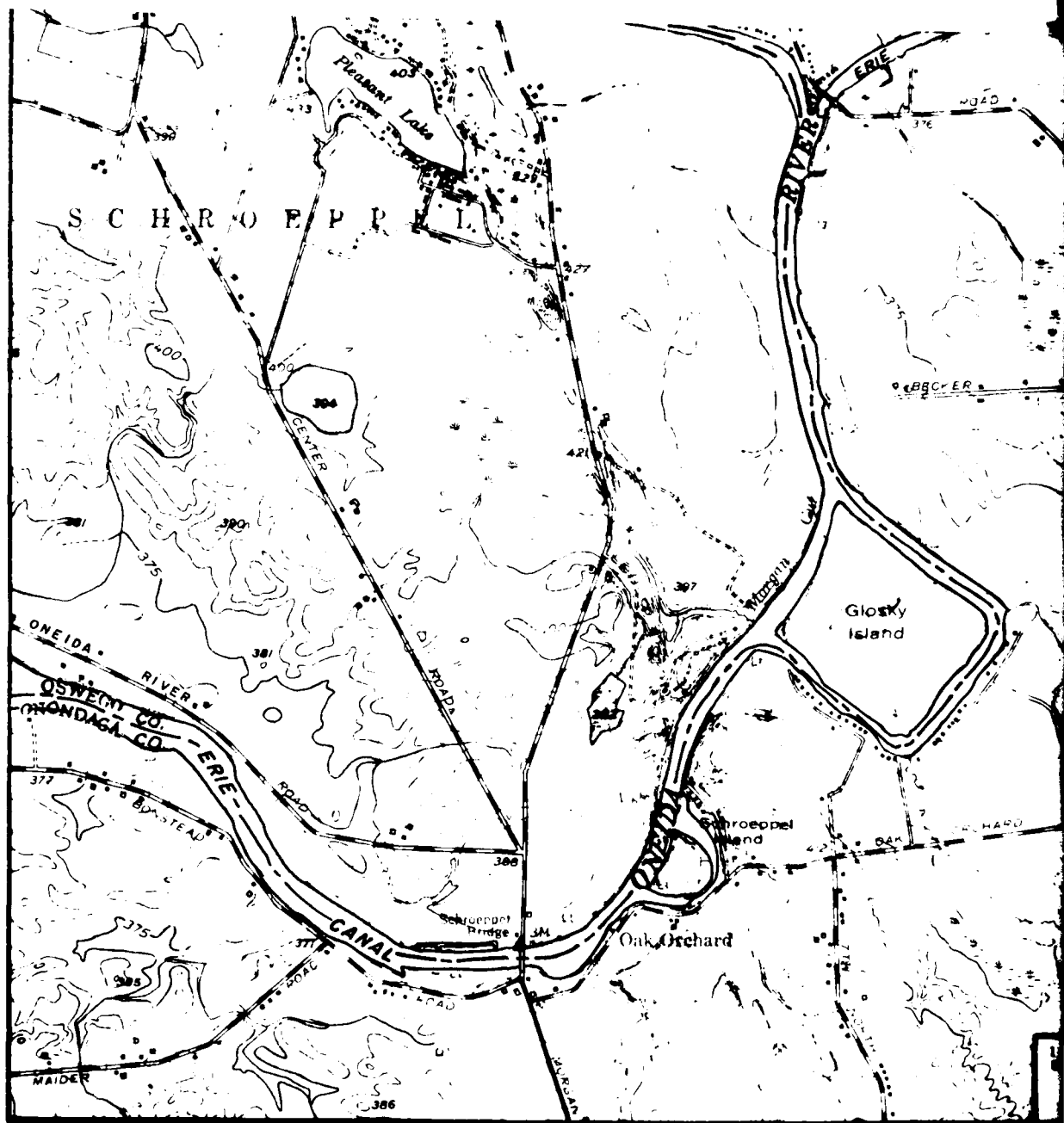


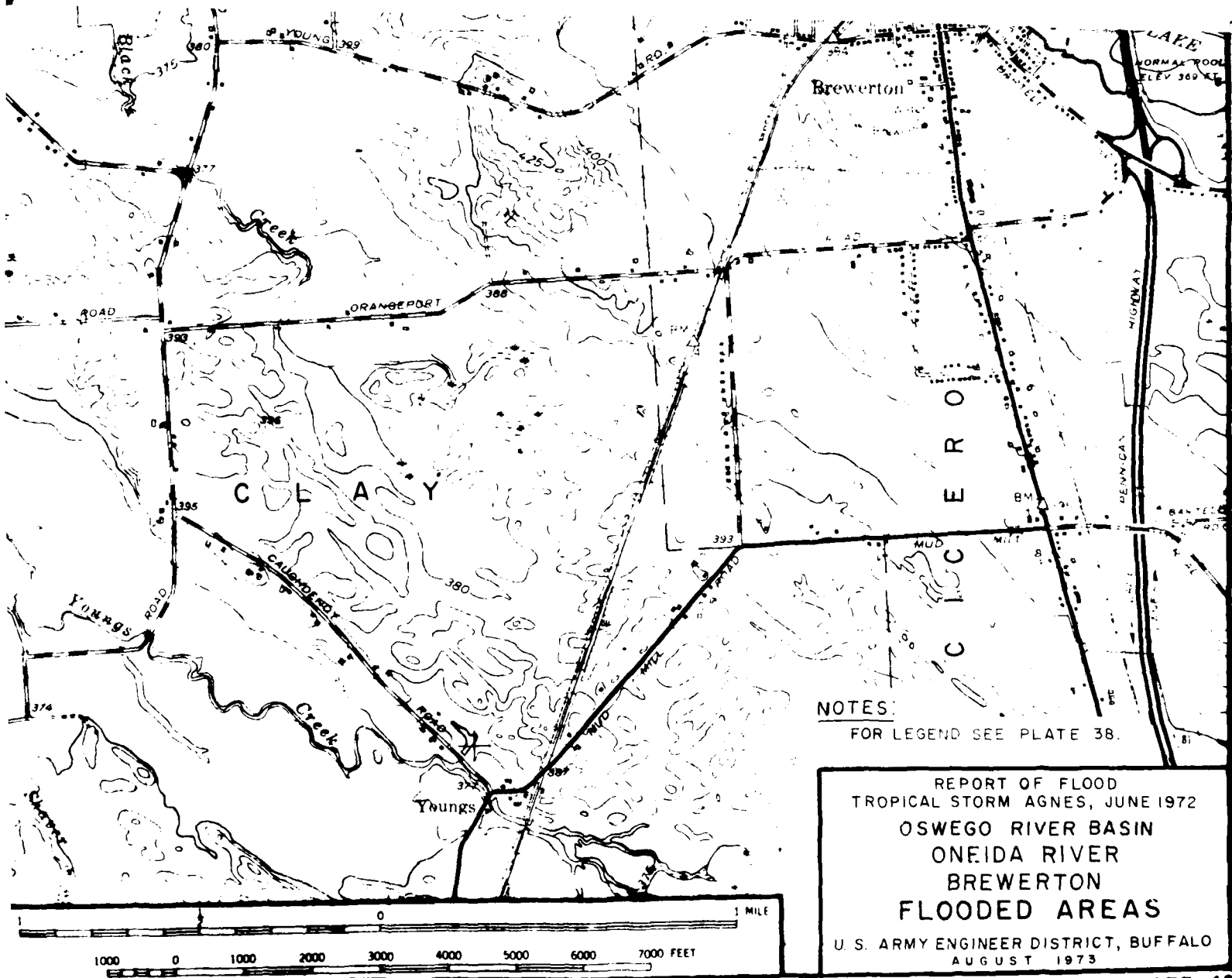




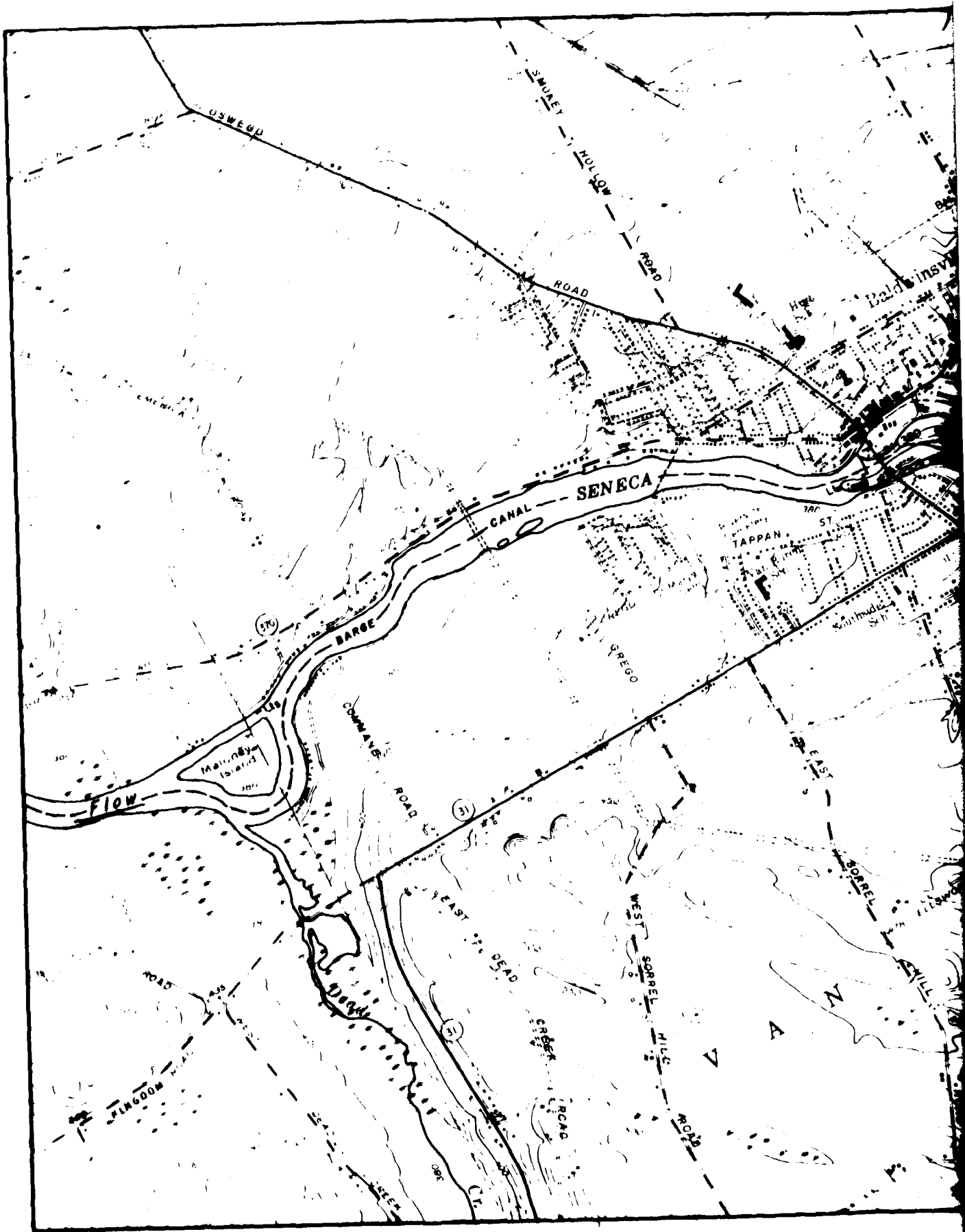






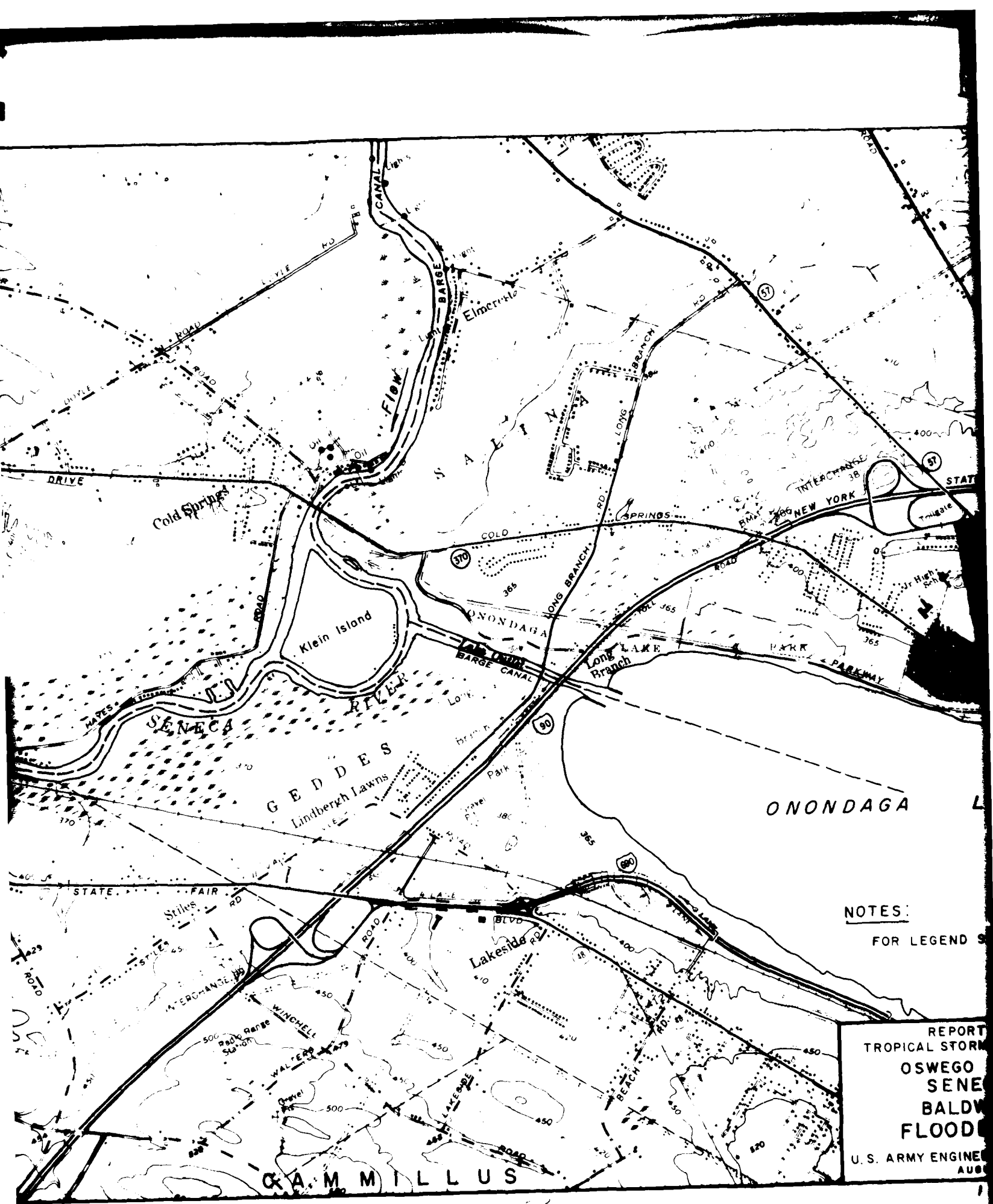






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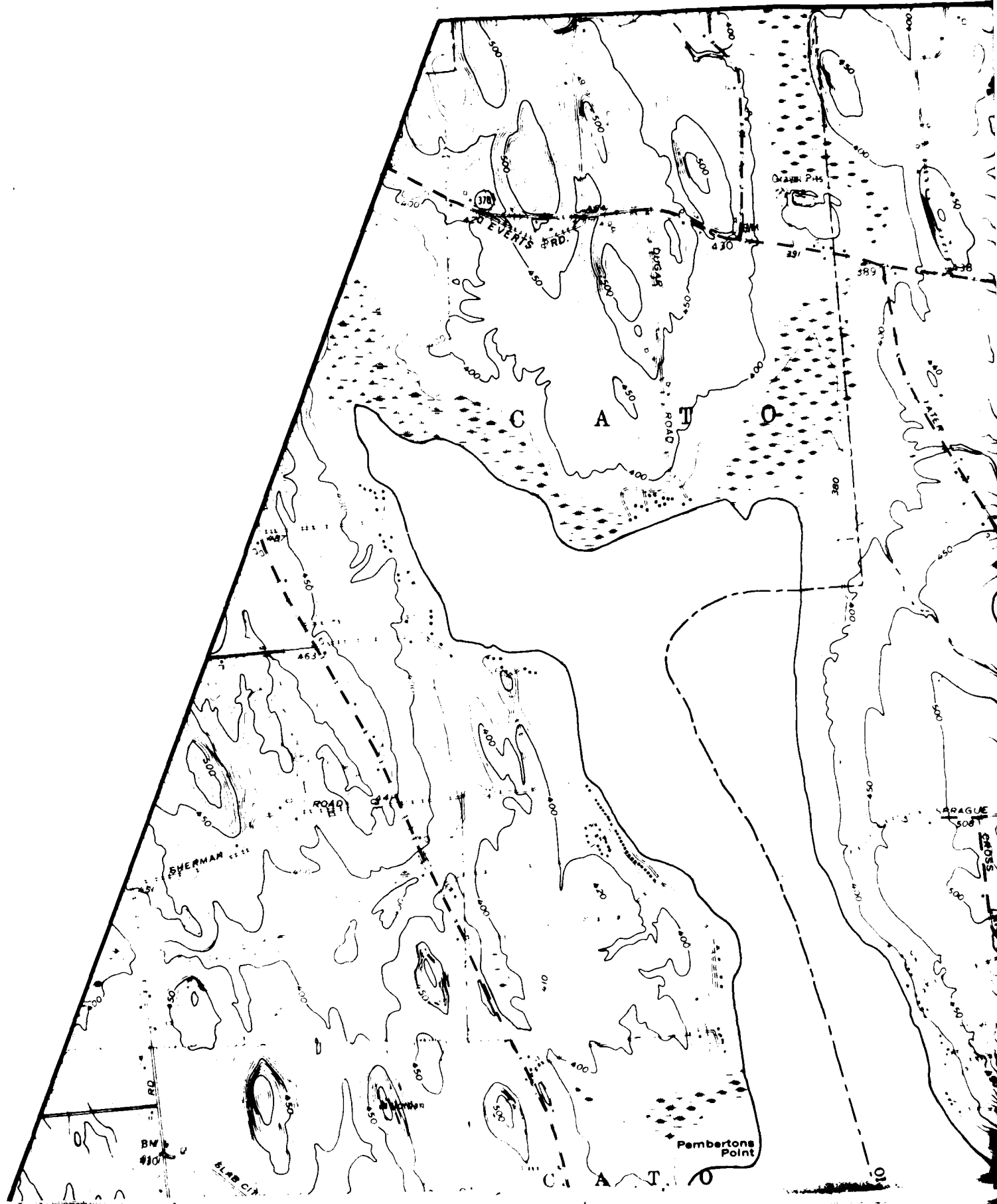
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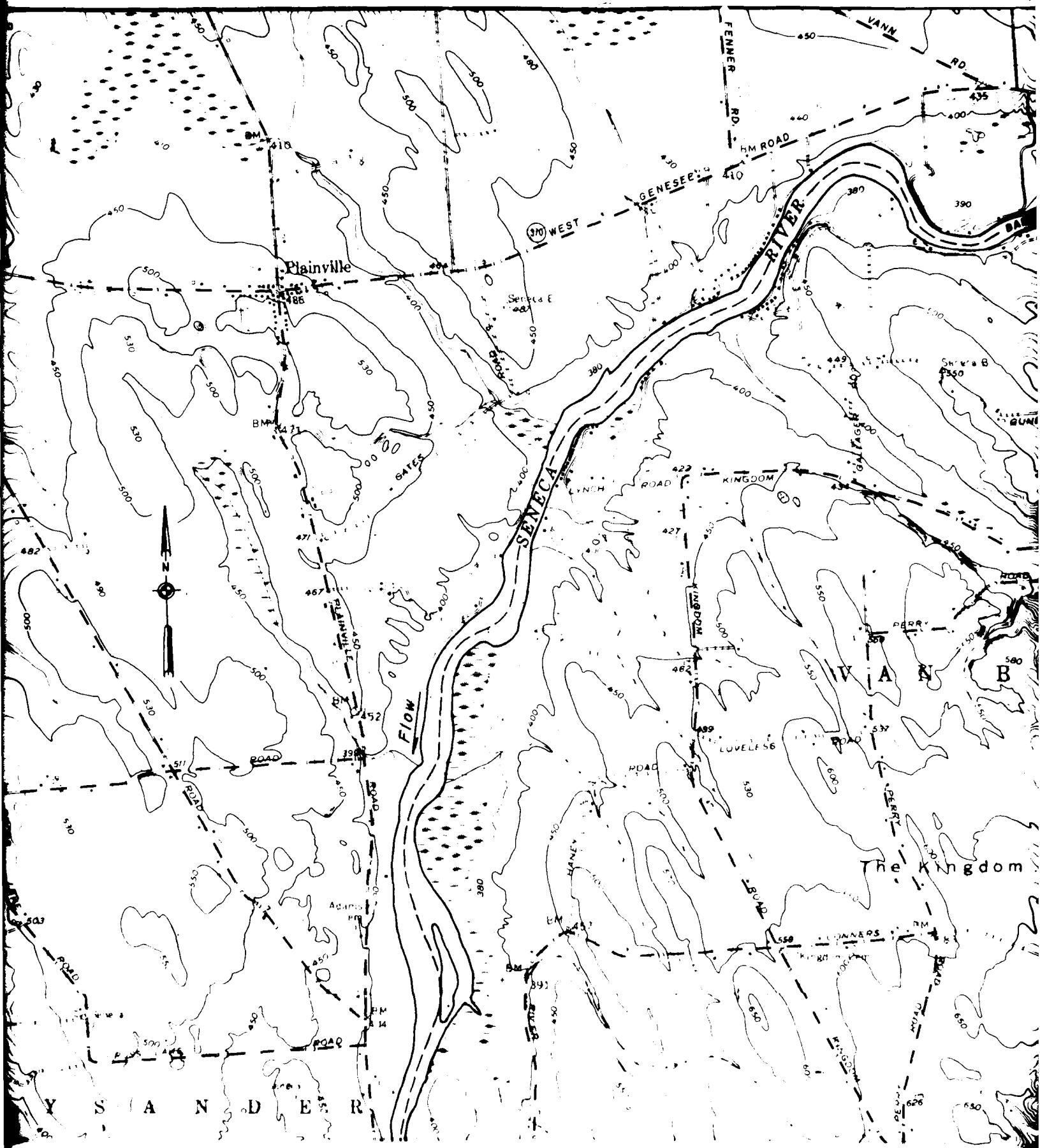
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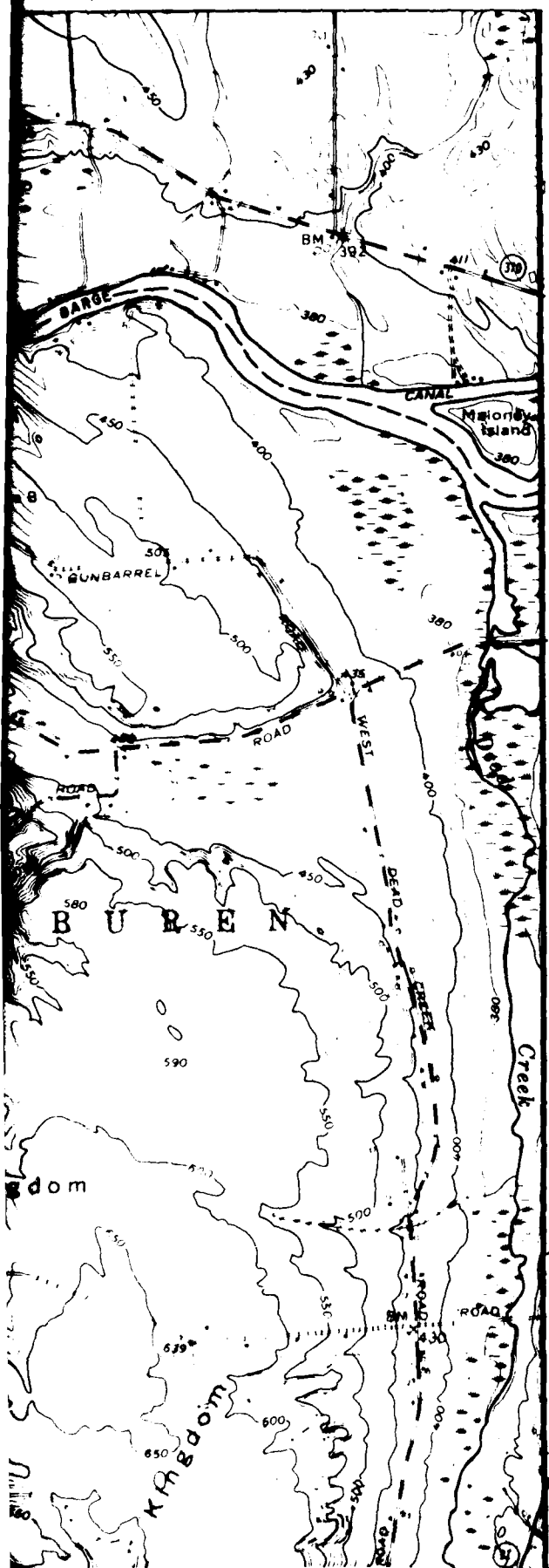


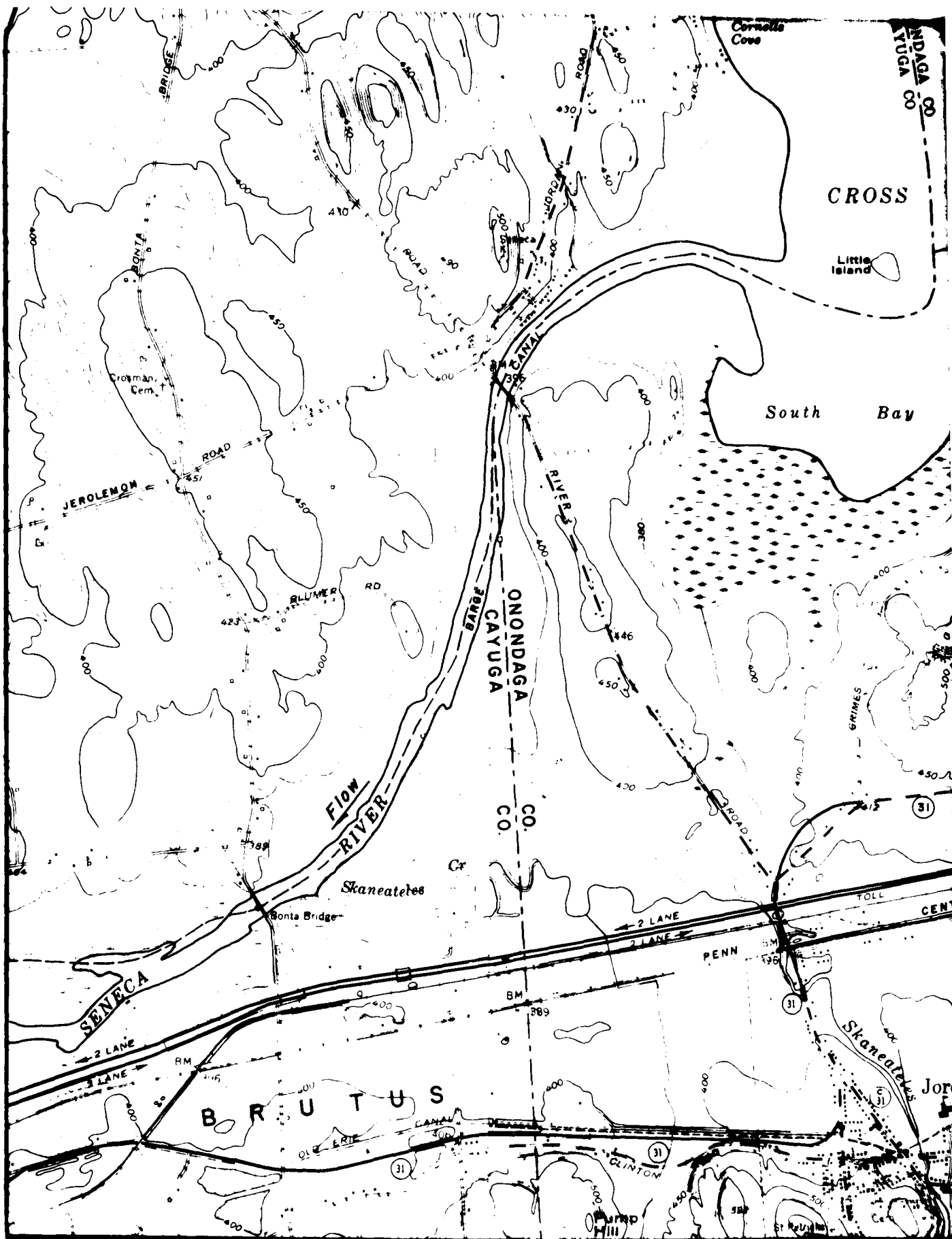
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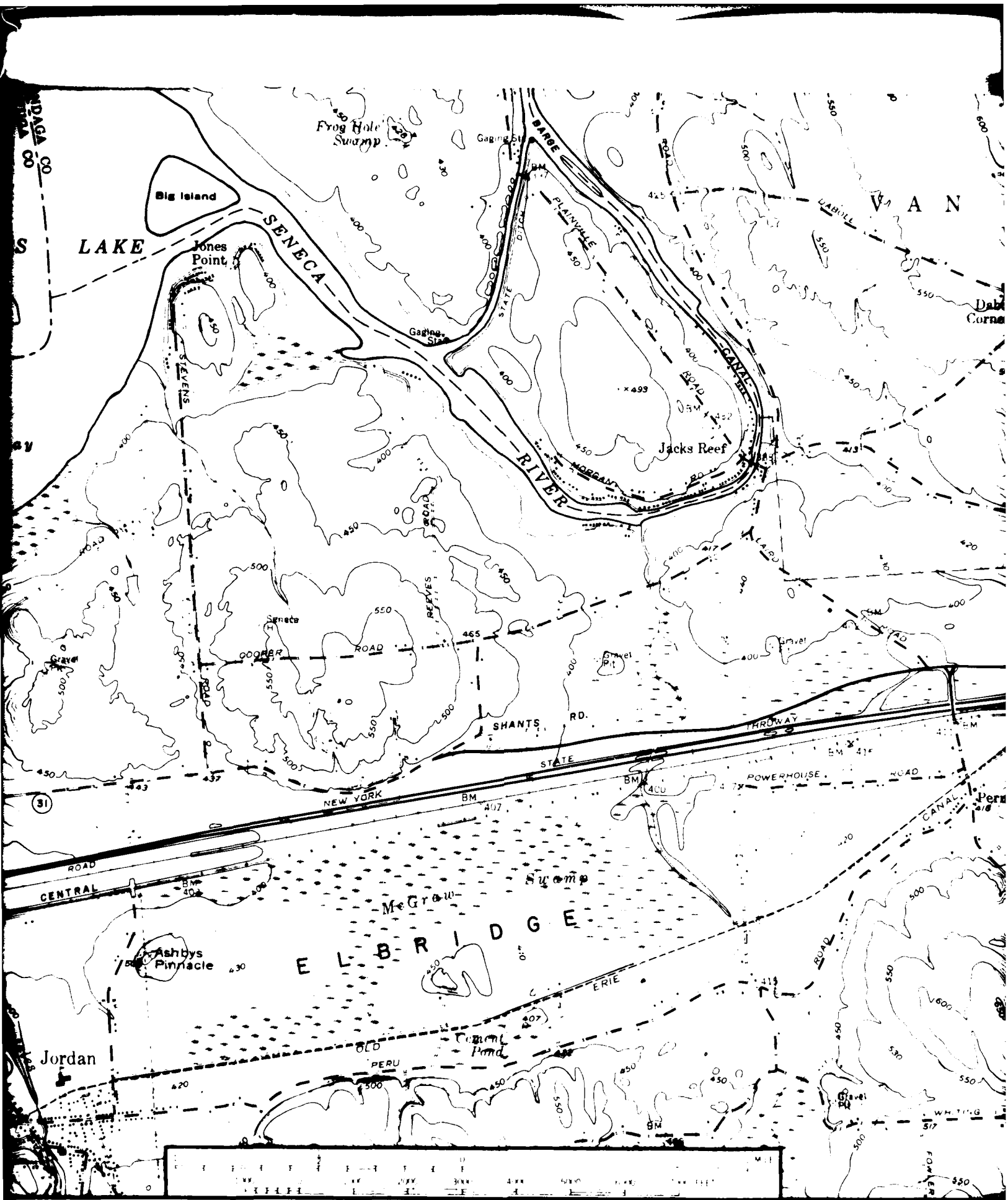


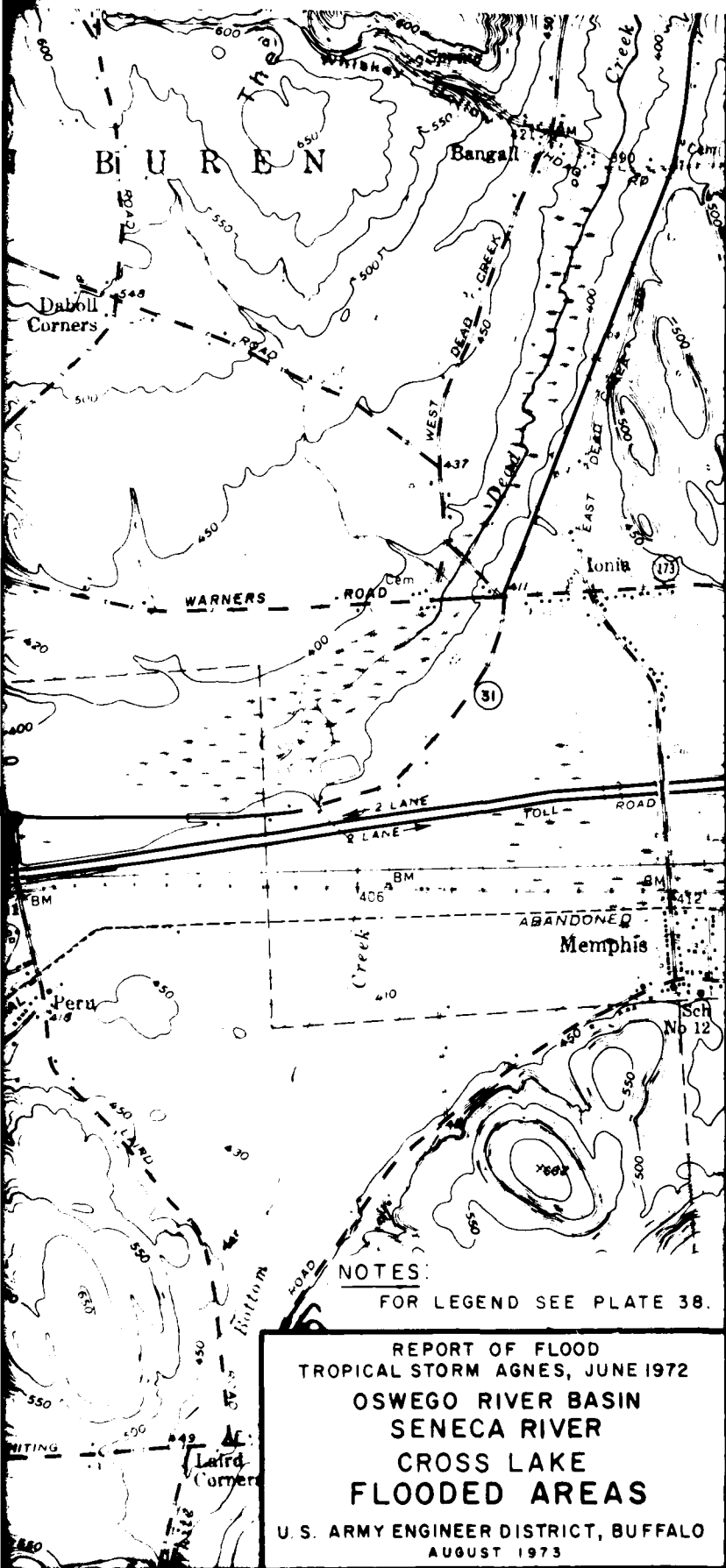


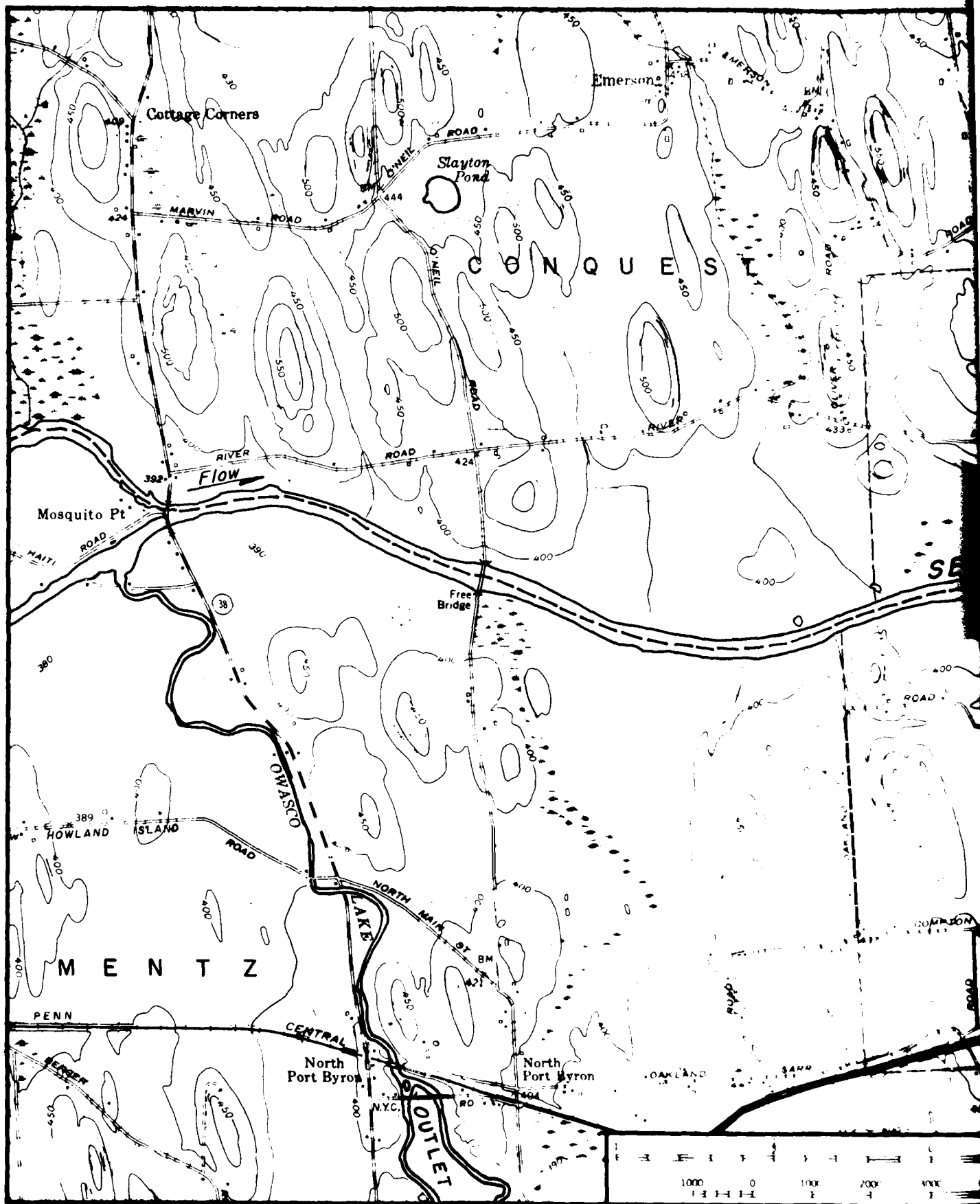


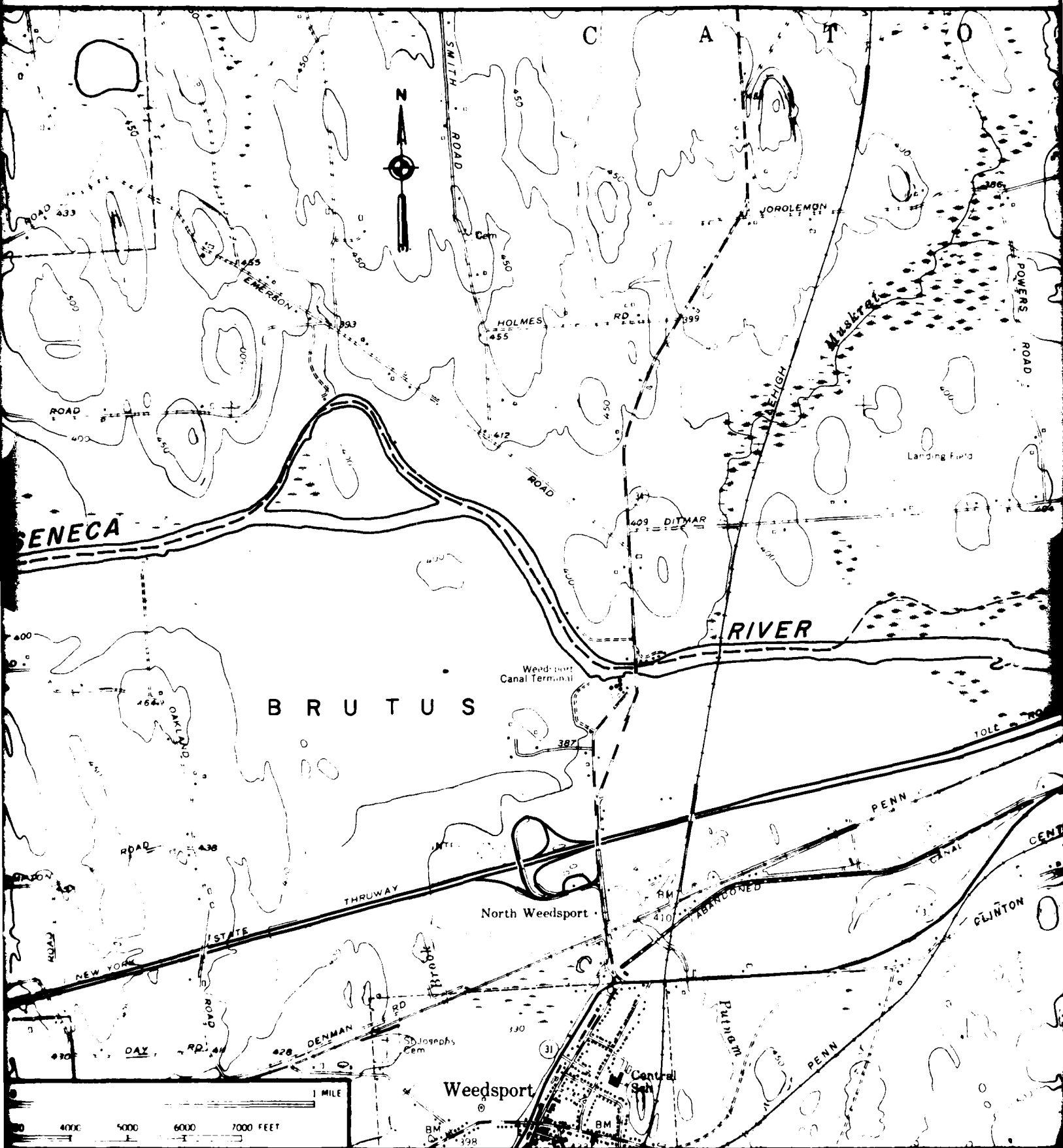


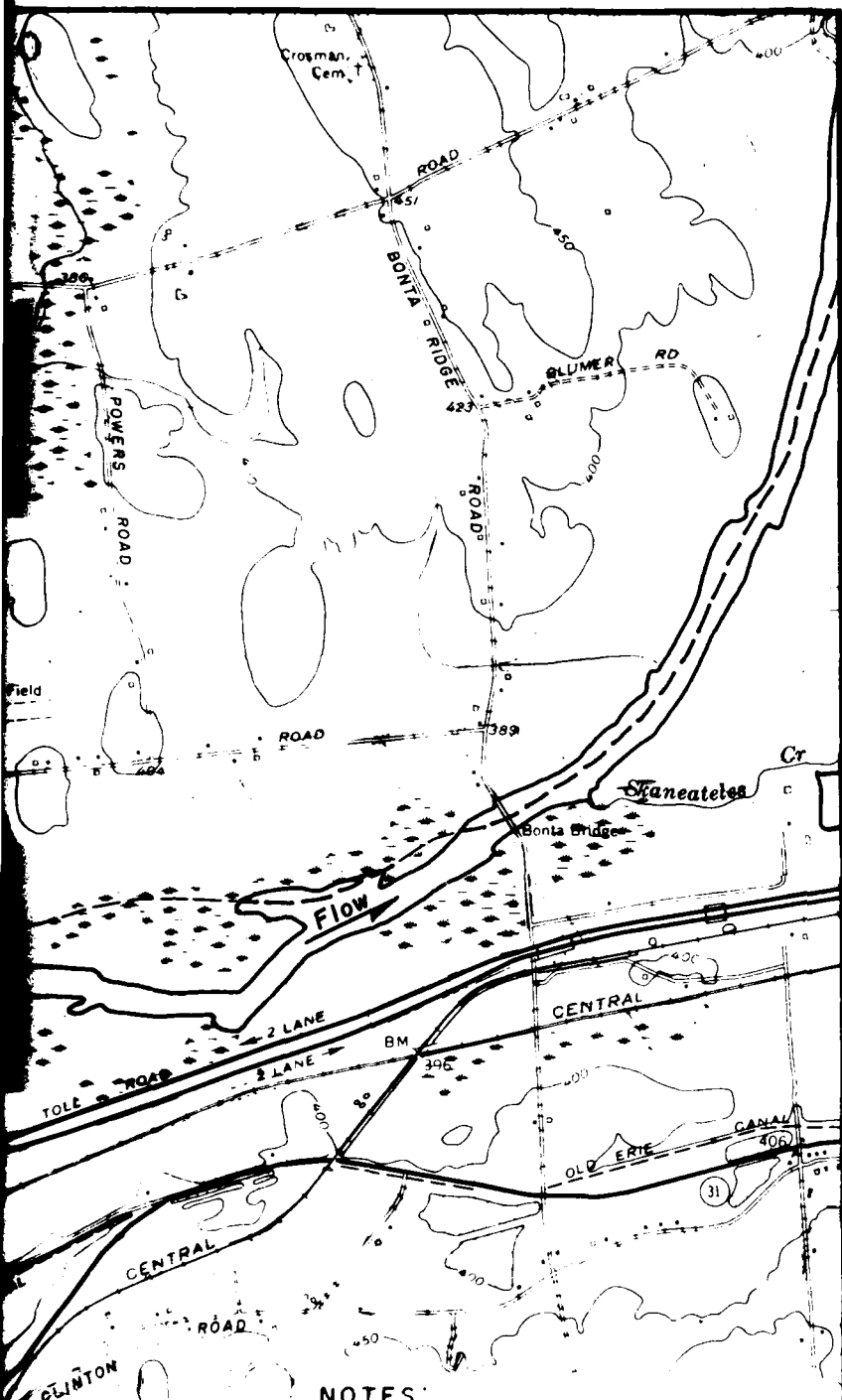












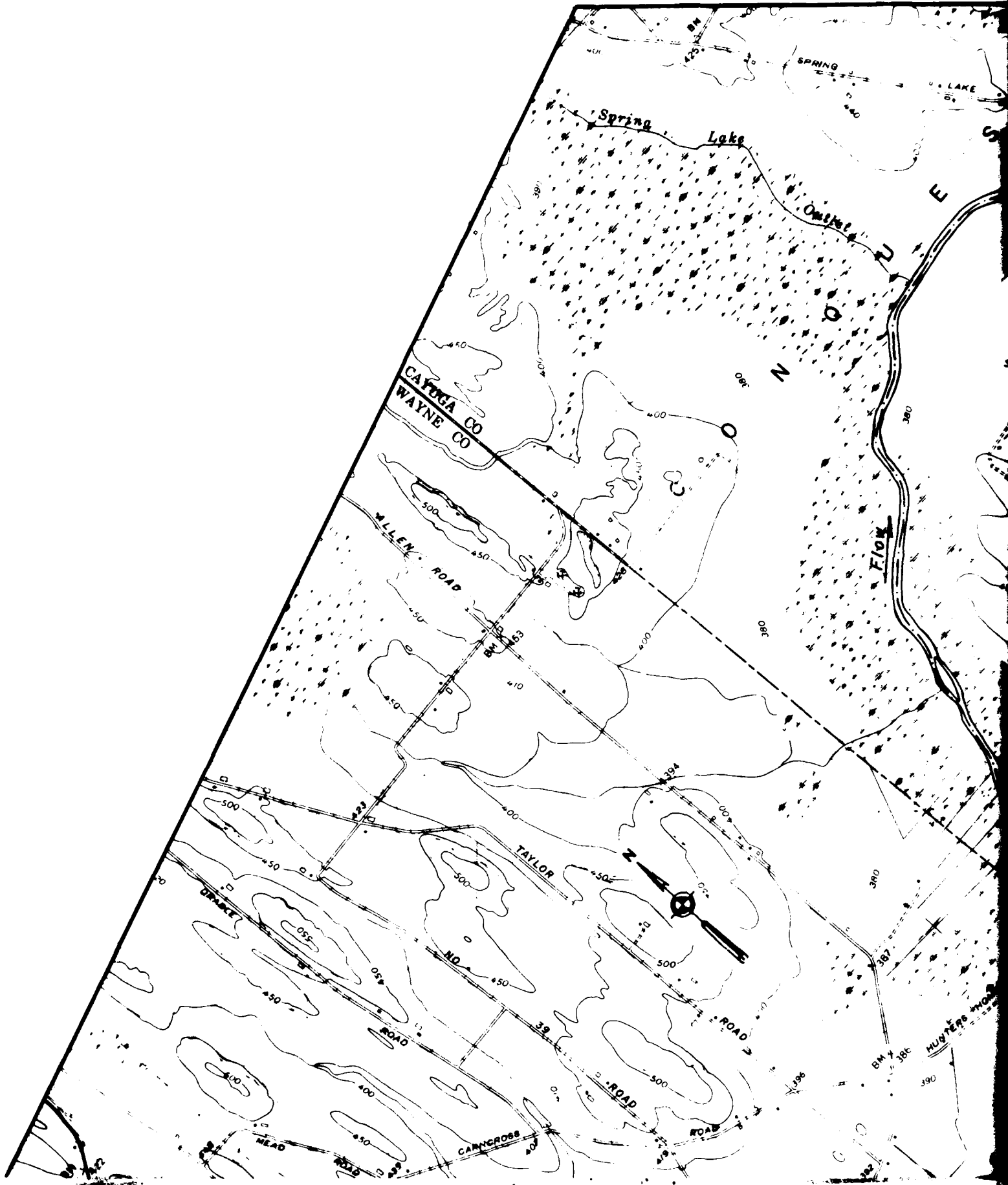
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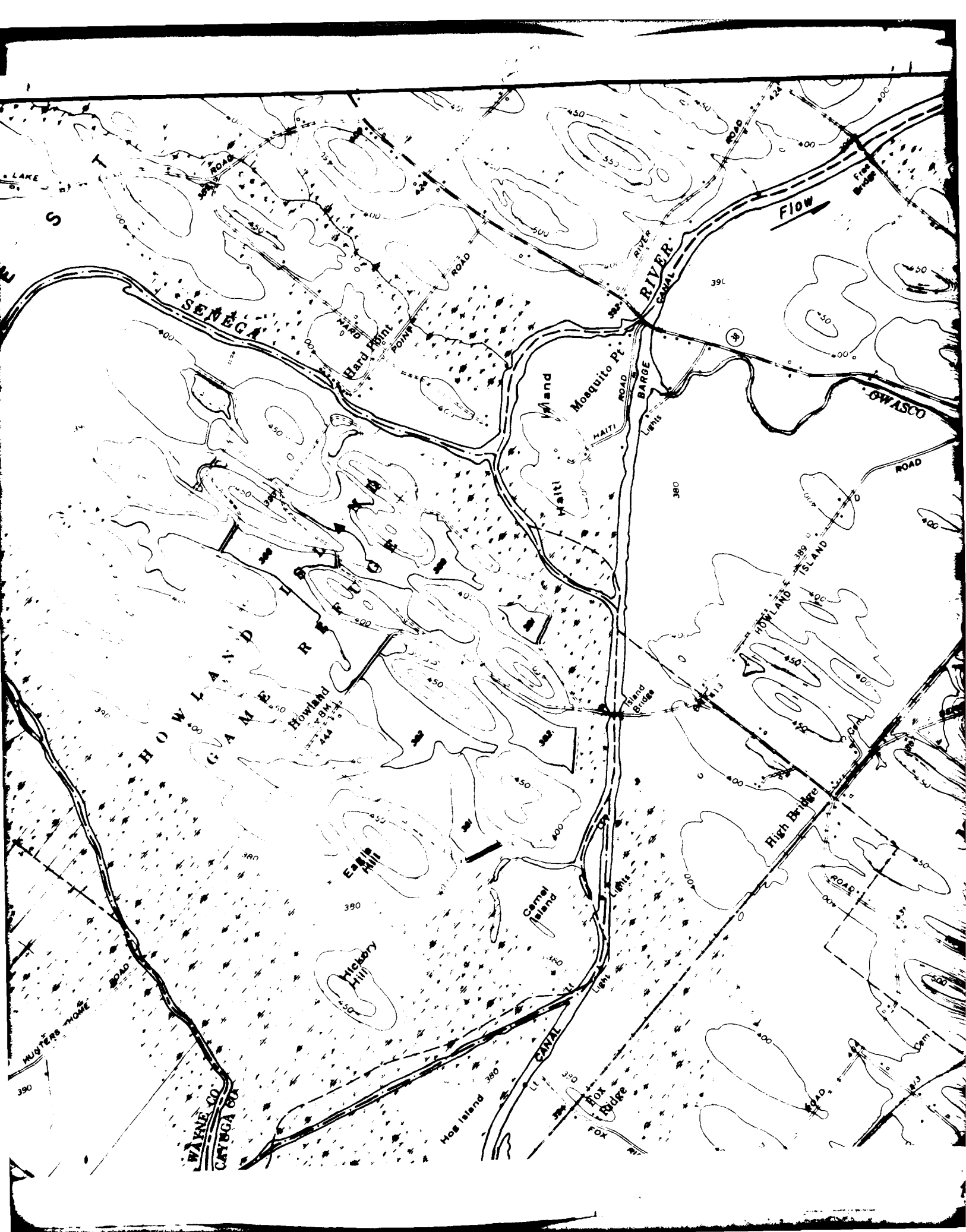
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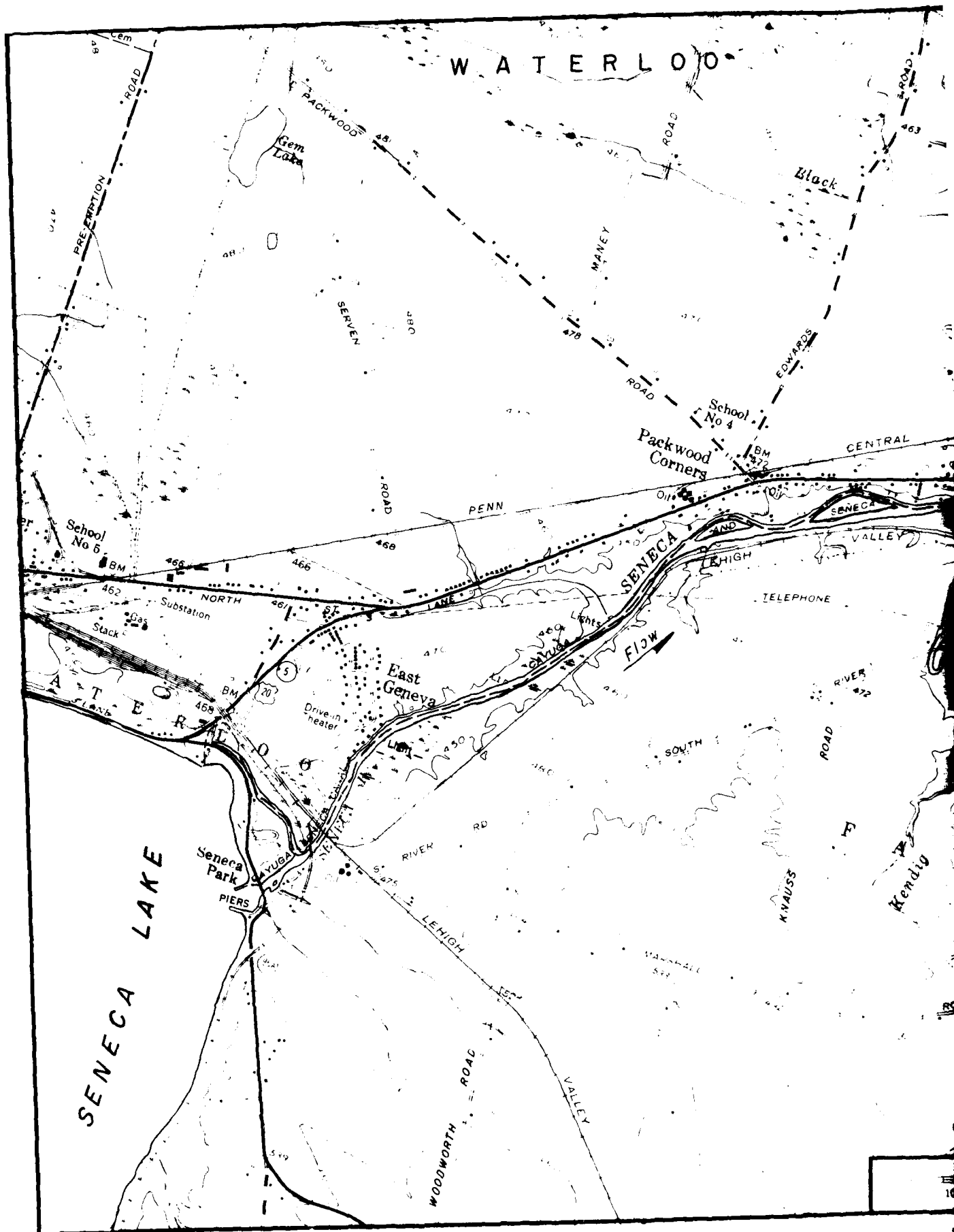


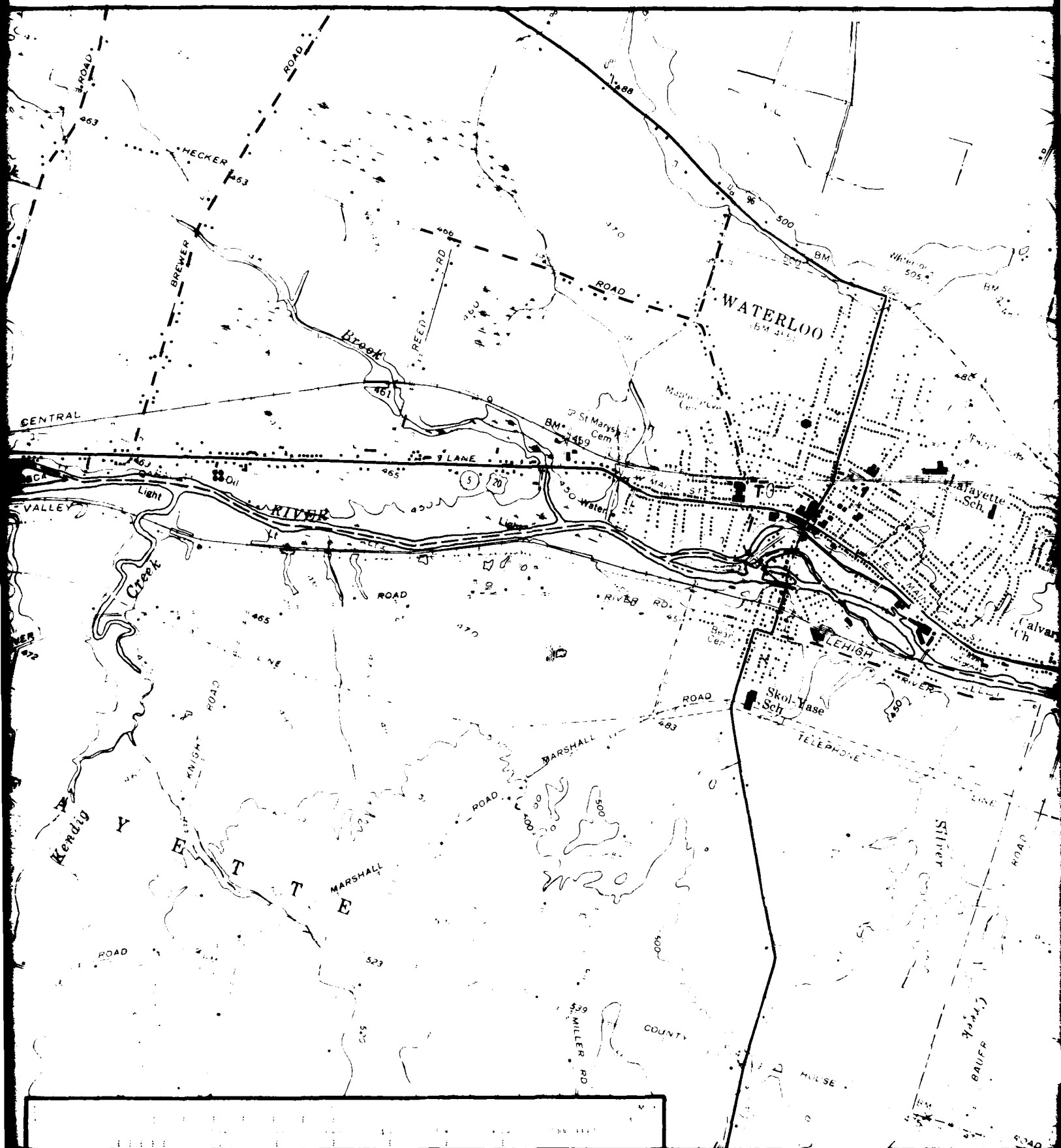




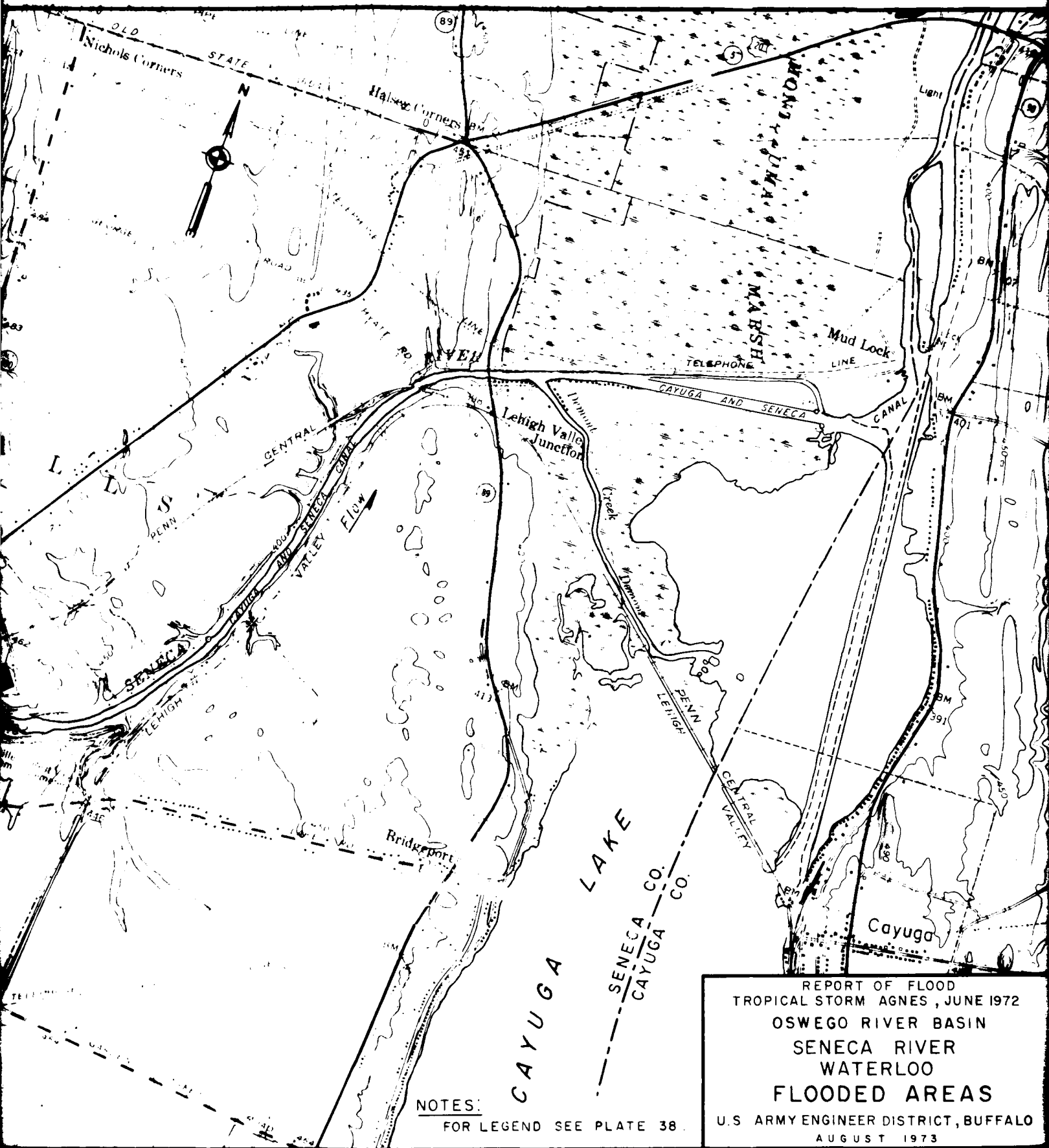
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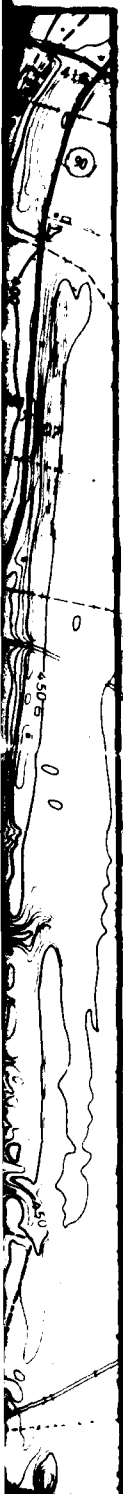












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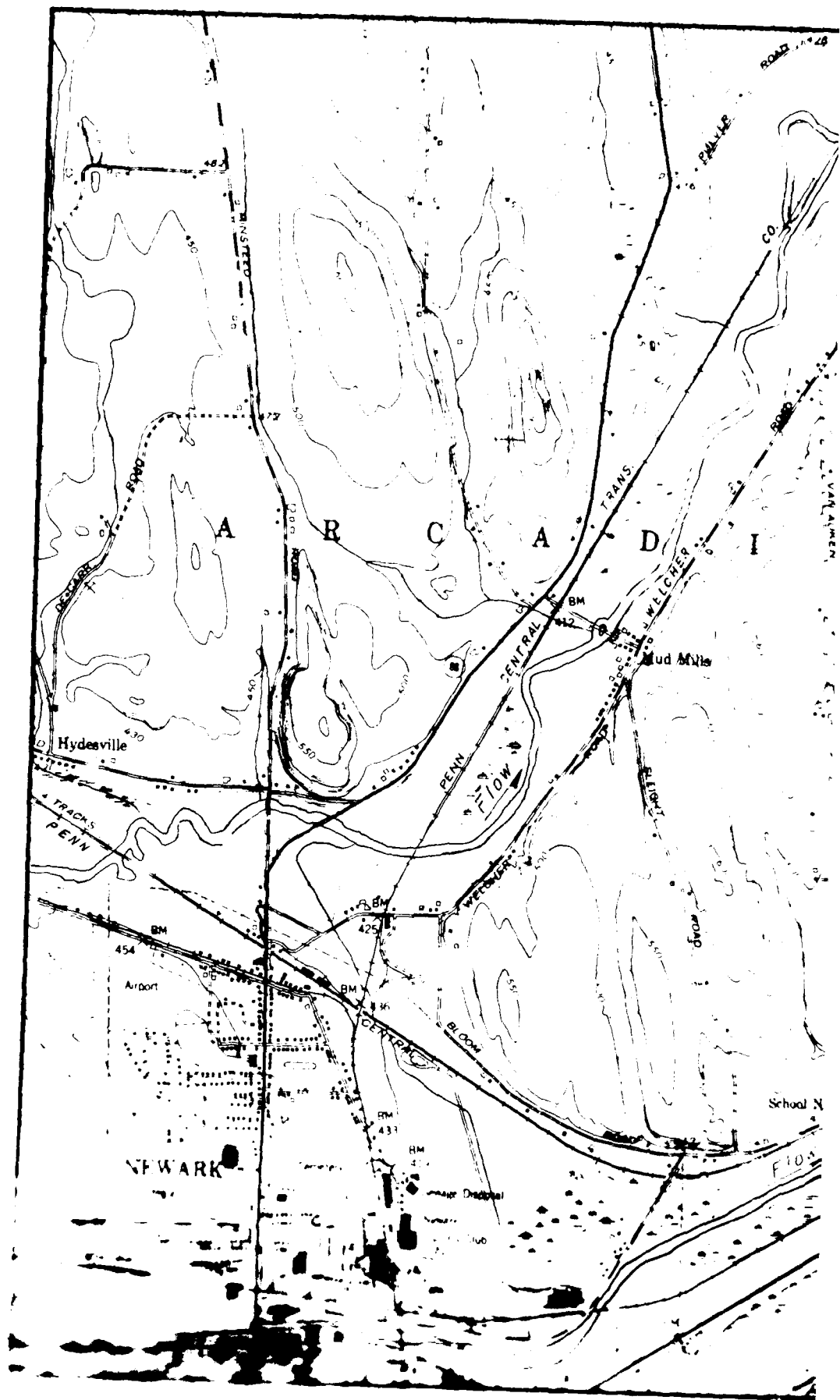
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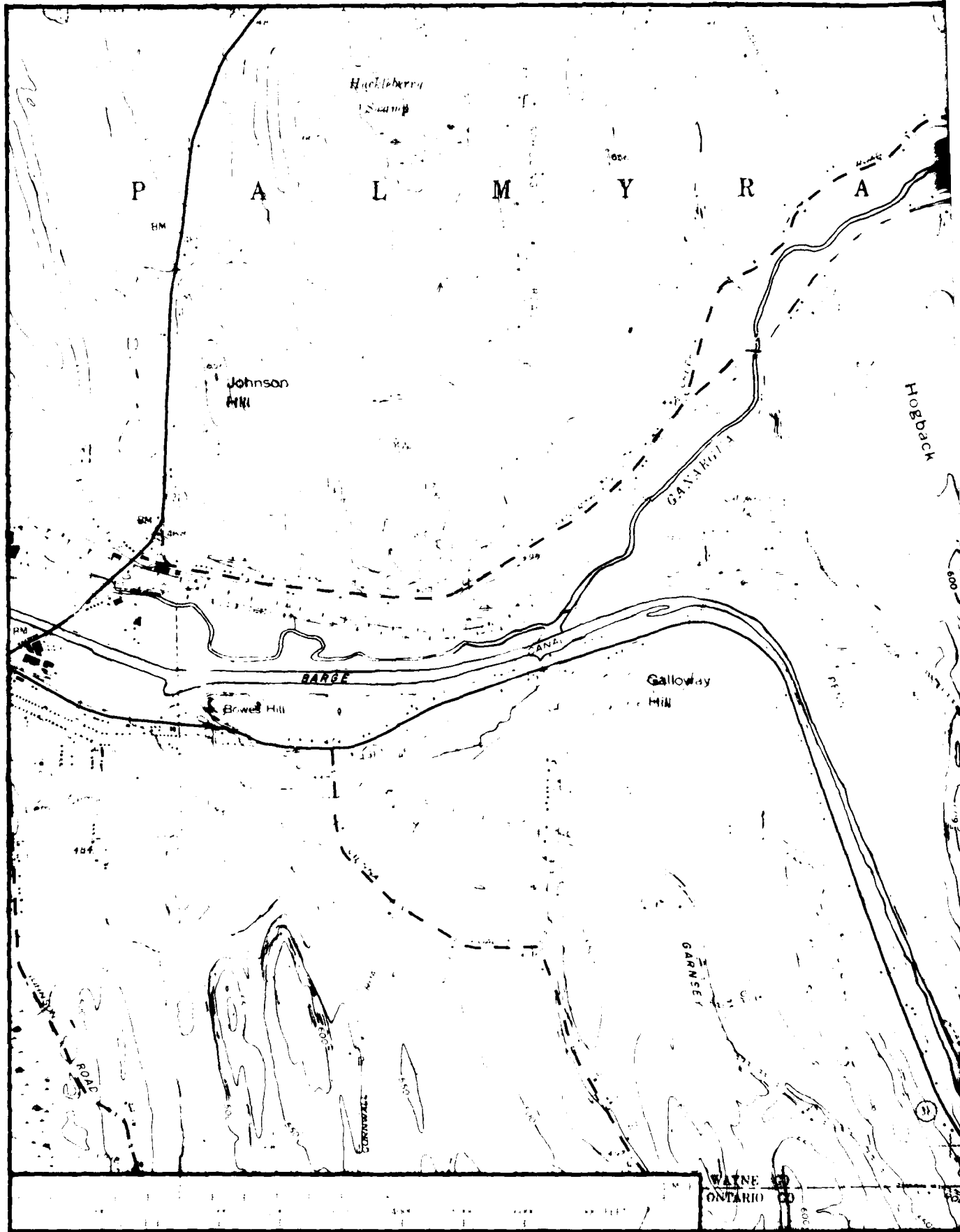




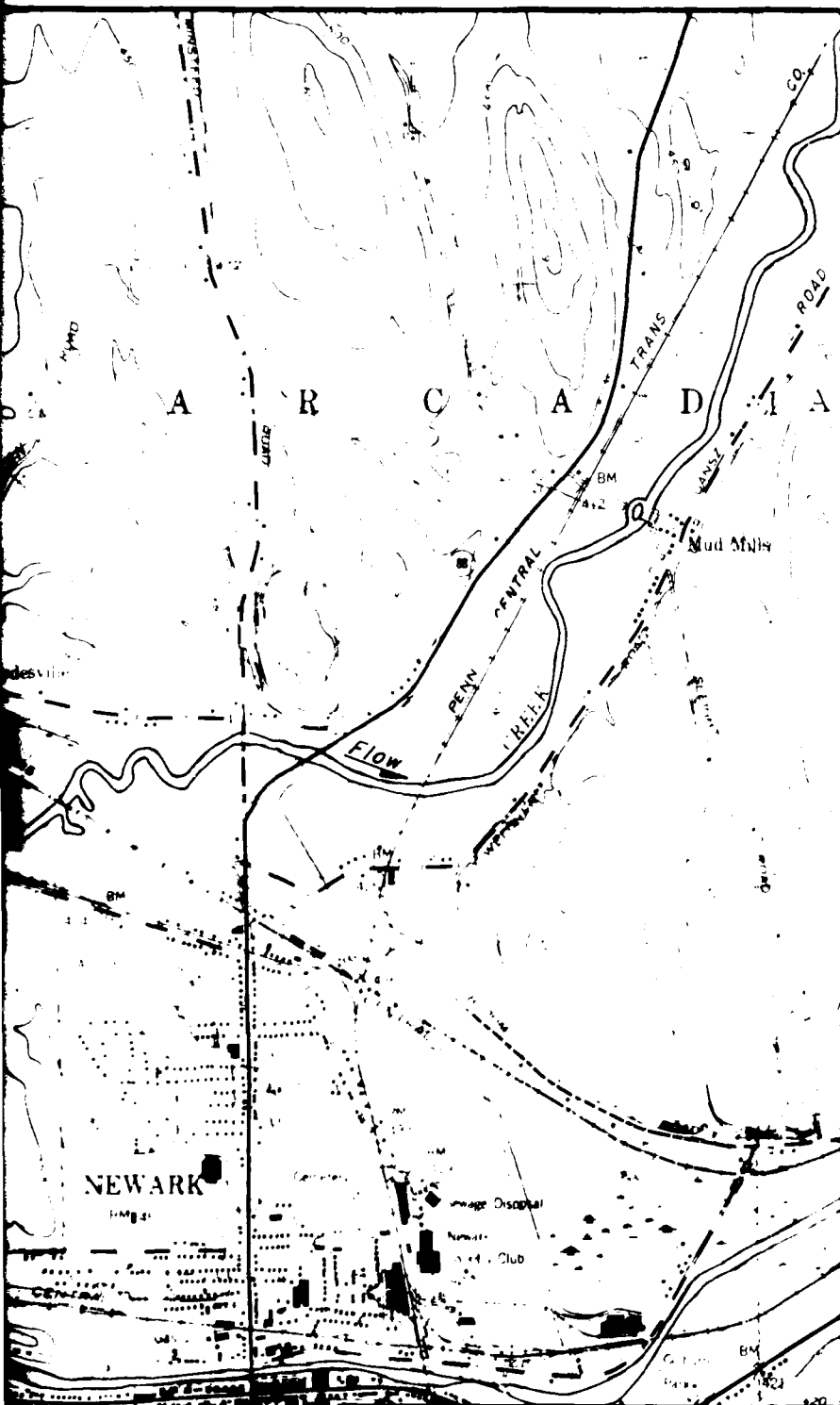








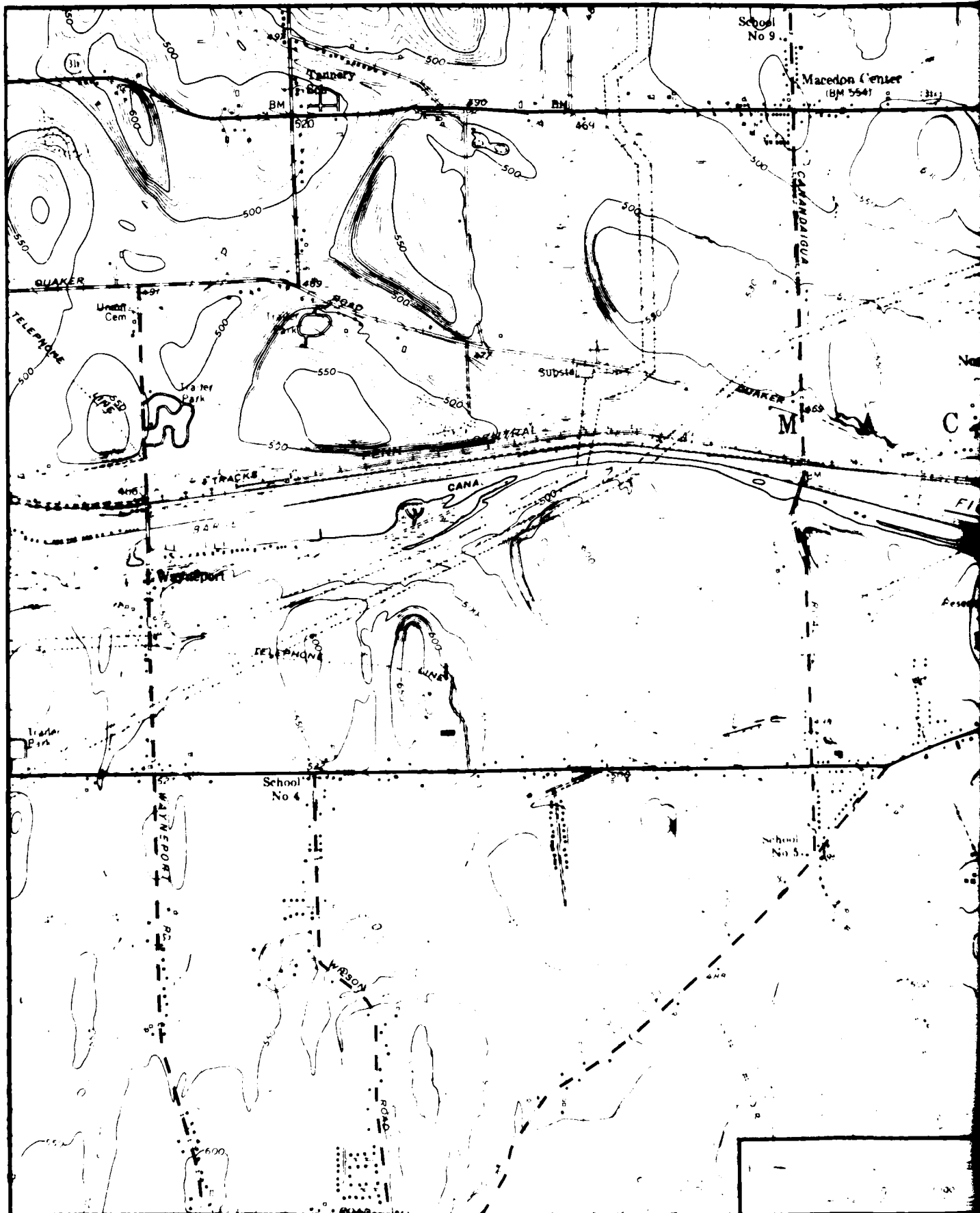


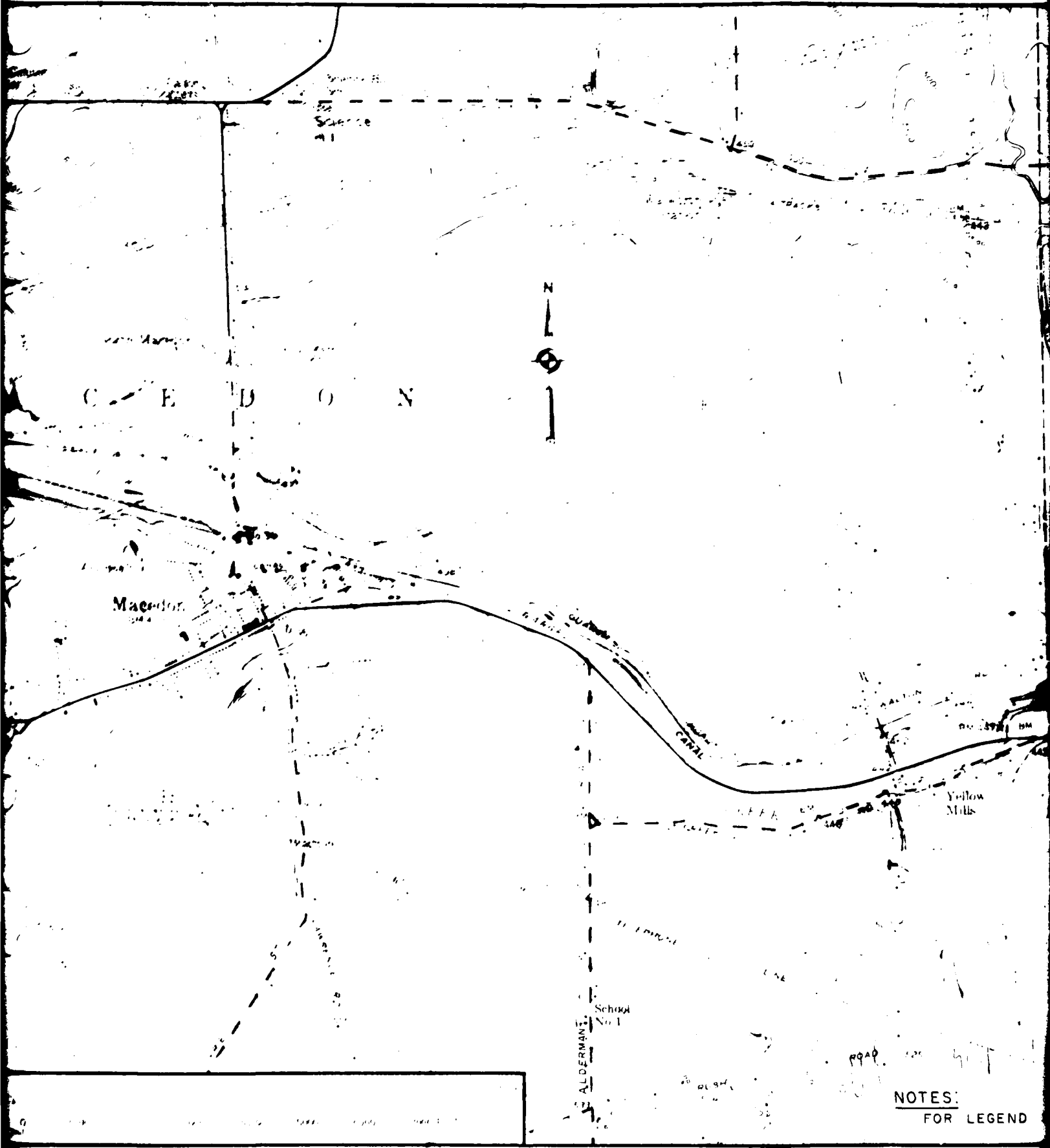


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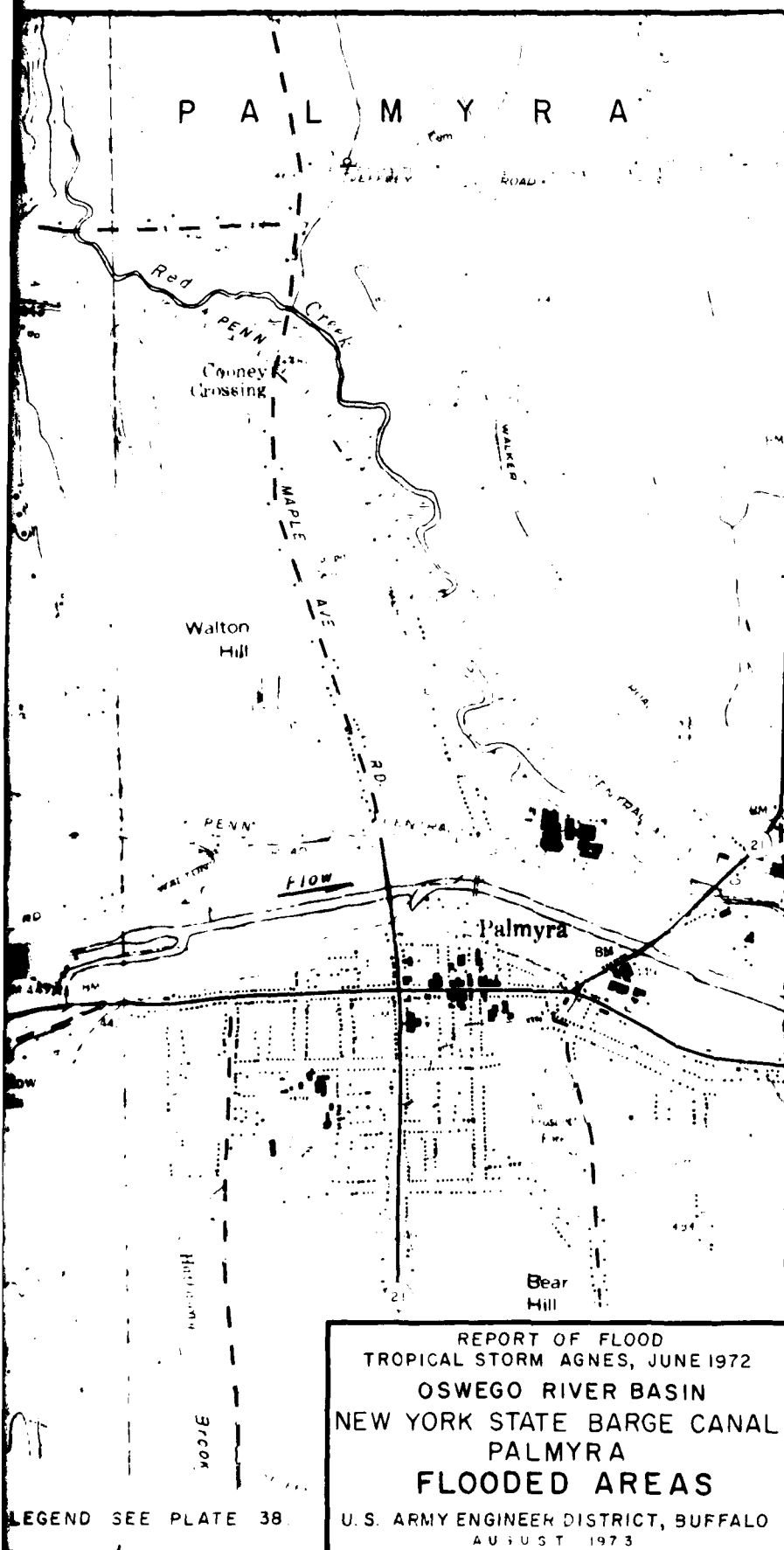
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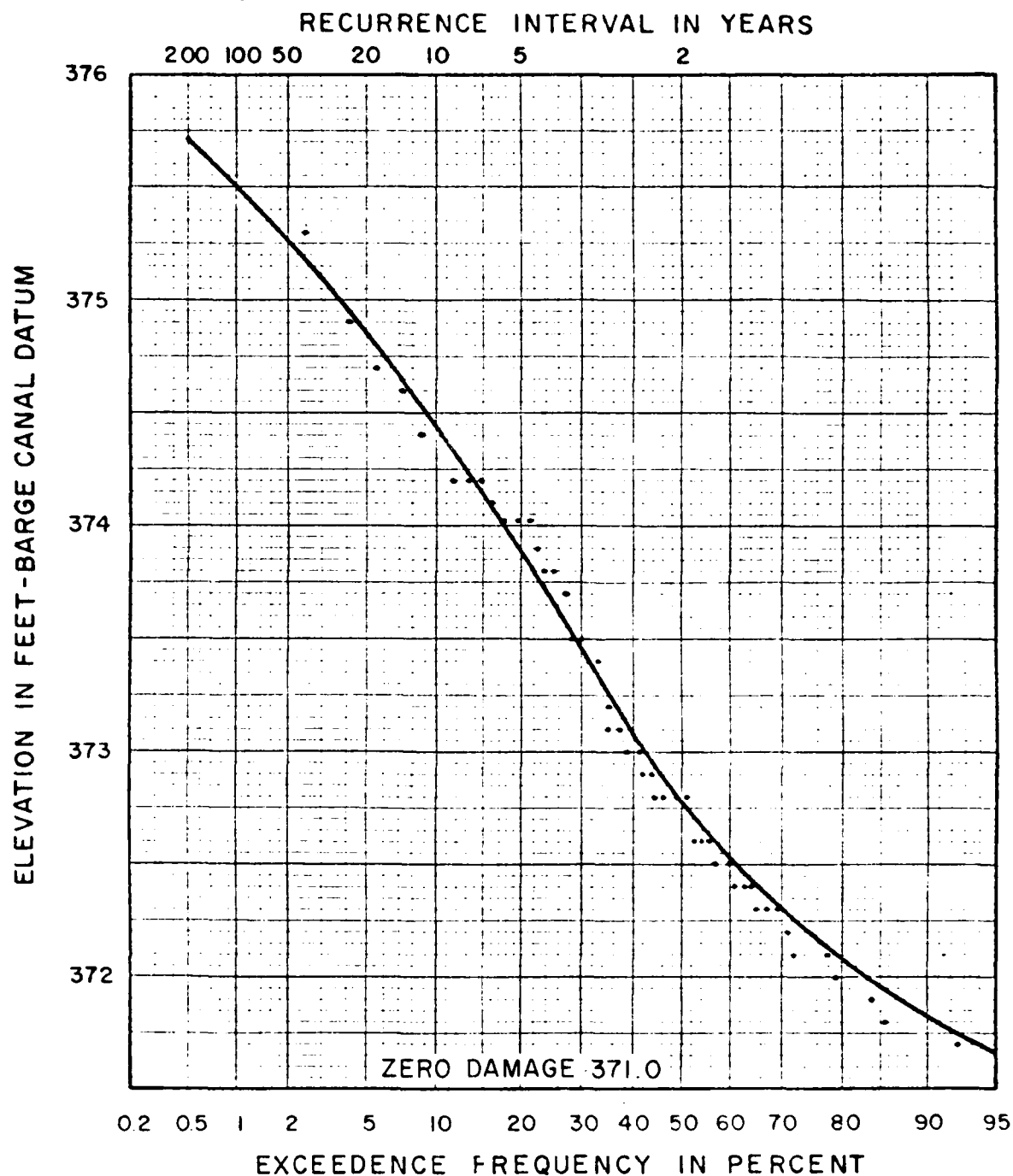




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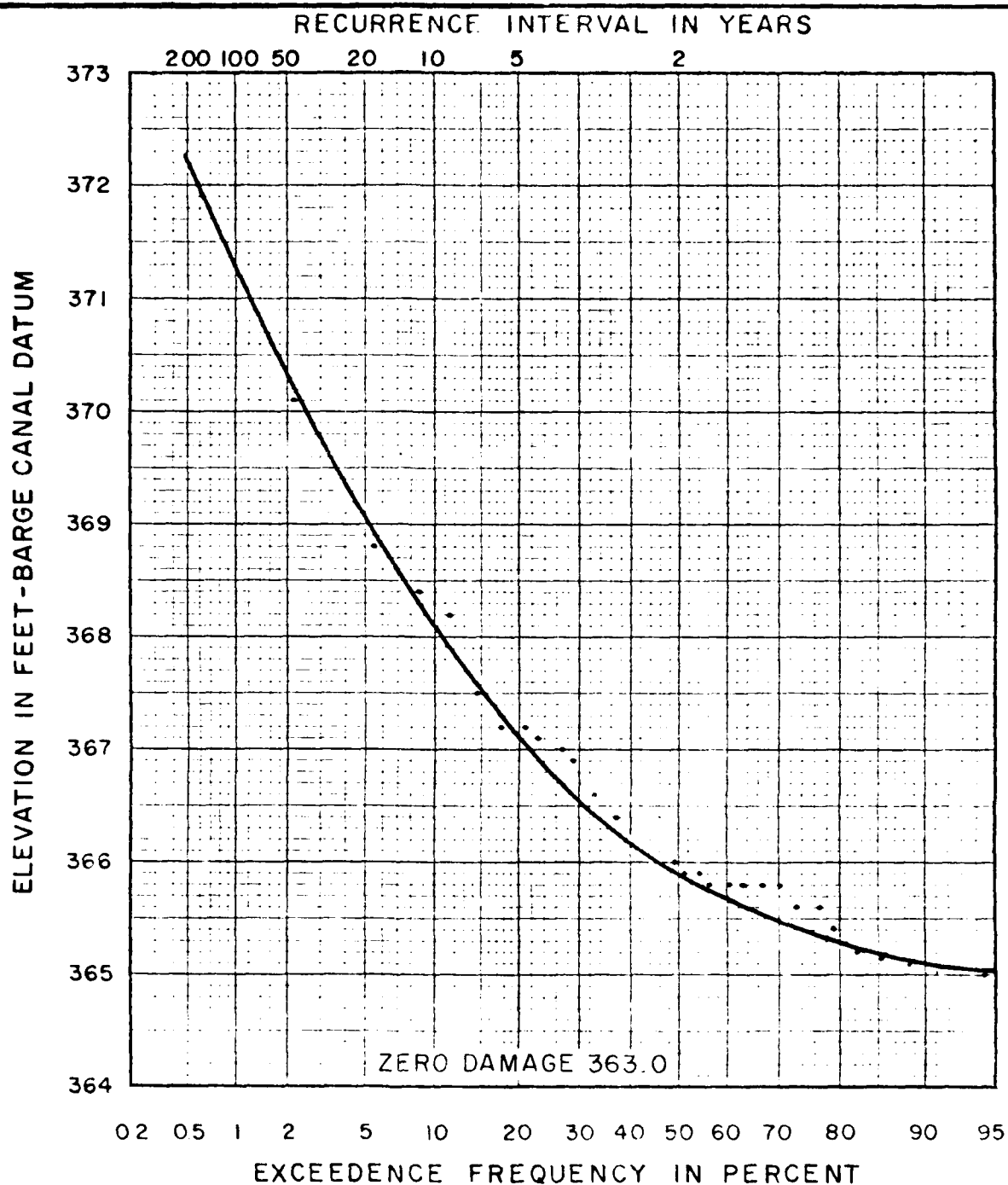


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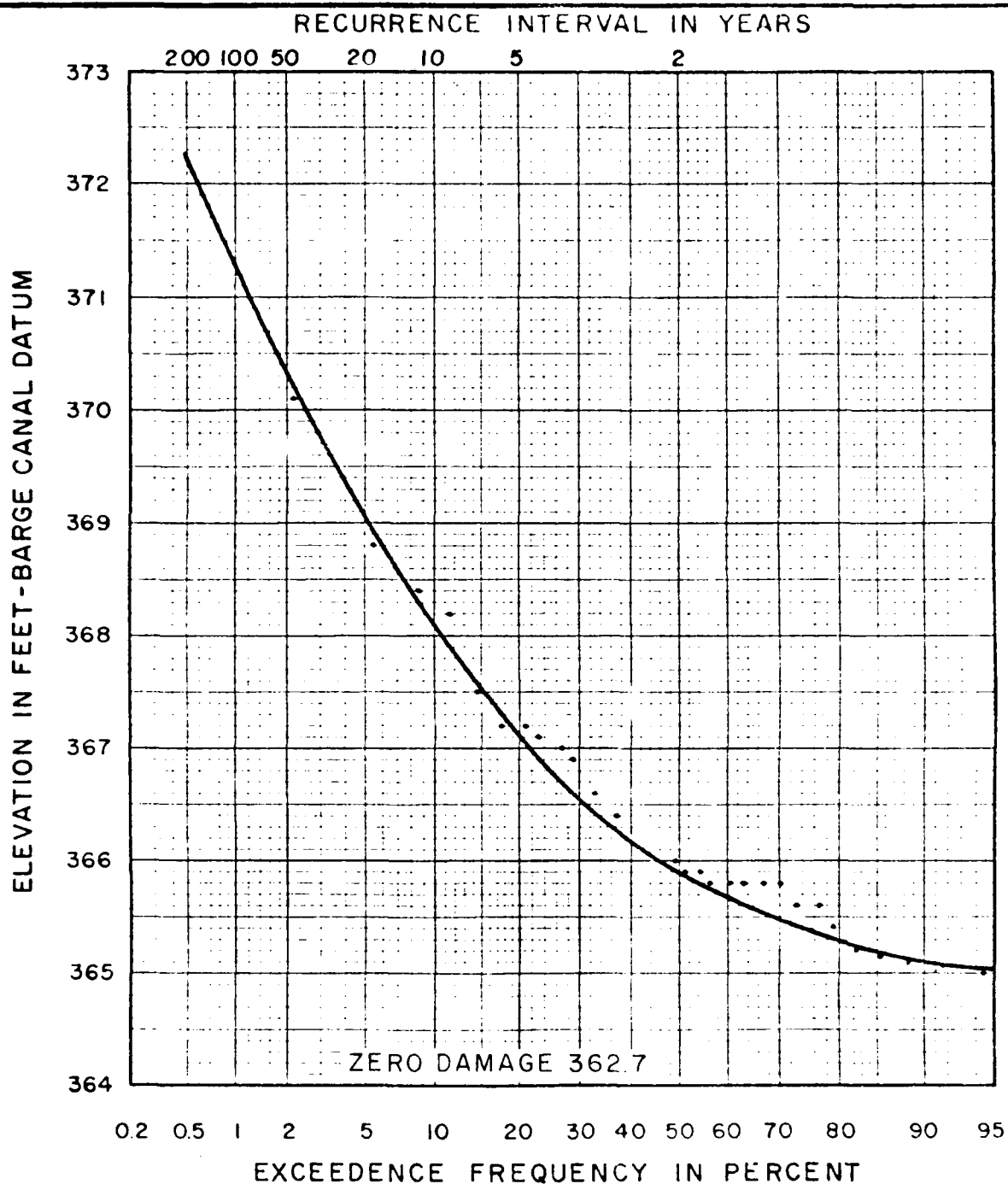
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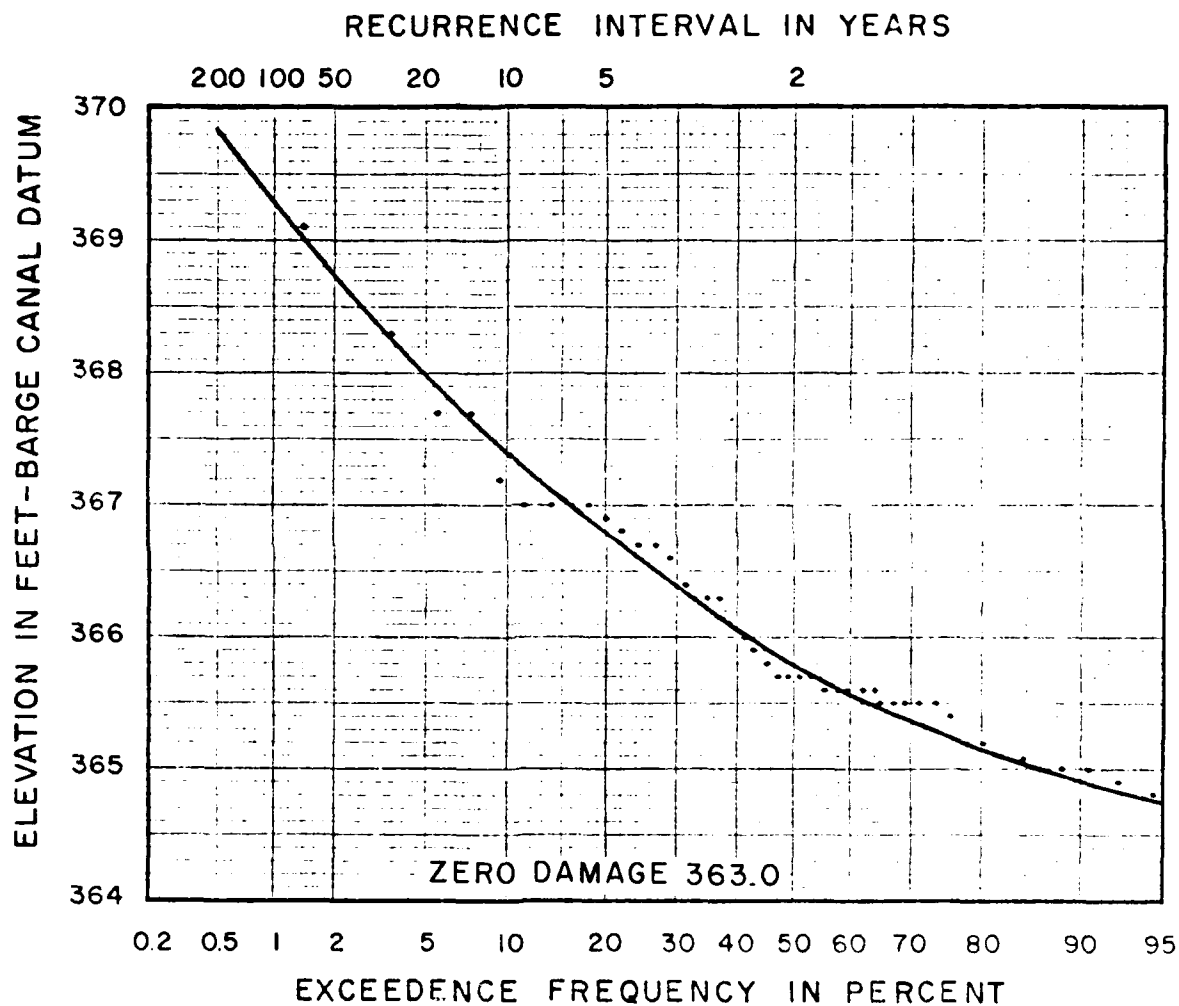
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973

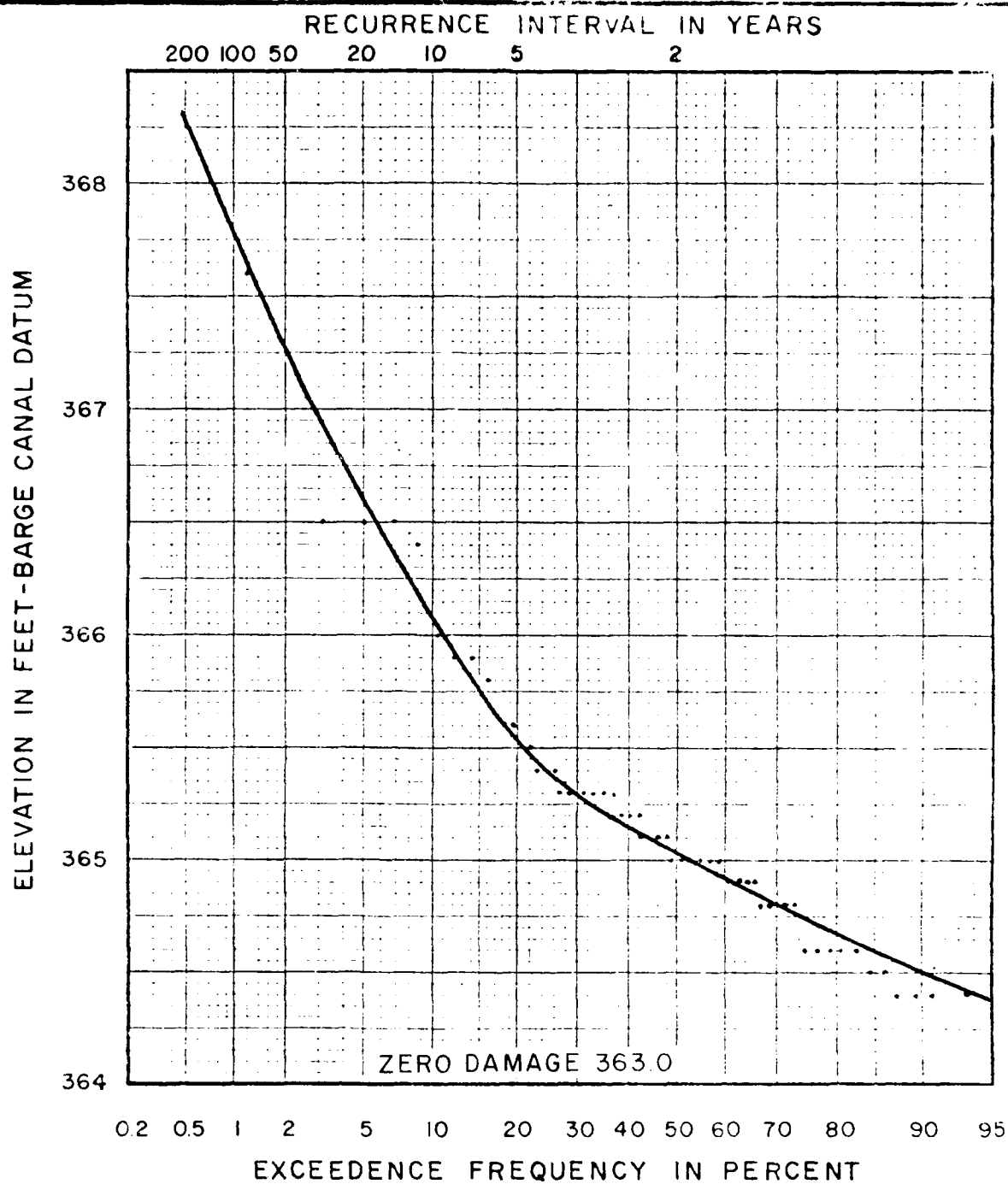


**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
**REACH 0-4**  
**SIX MILE CREEK**  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1912-1972 (61 YEARS).  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS

REPORT OF FLOOD  
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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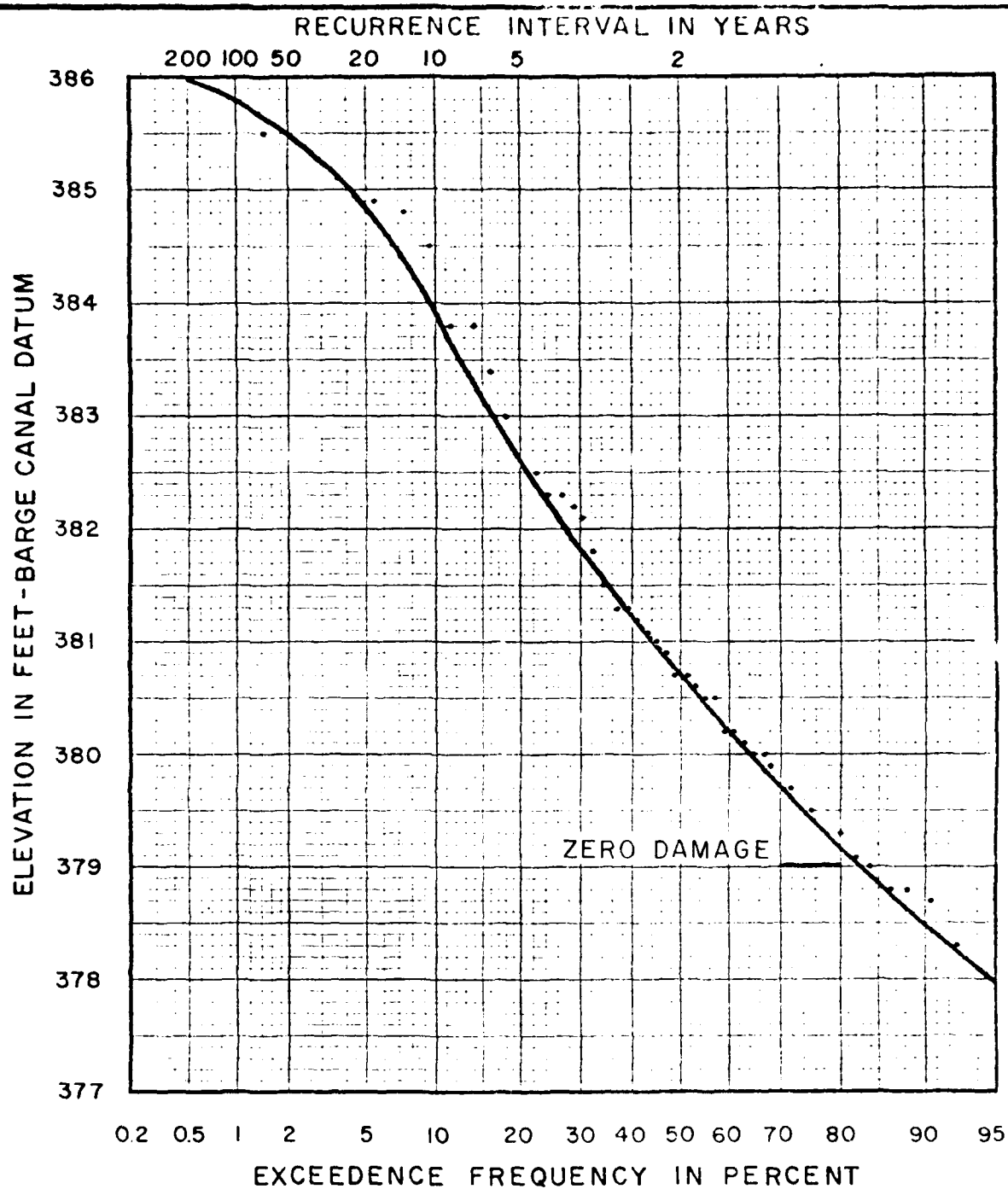
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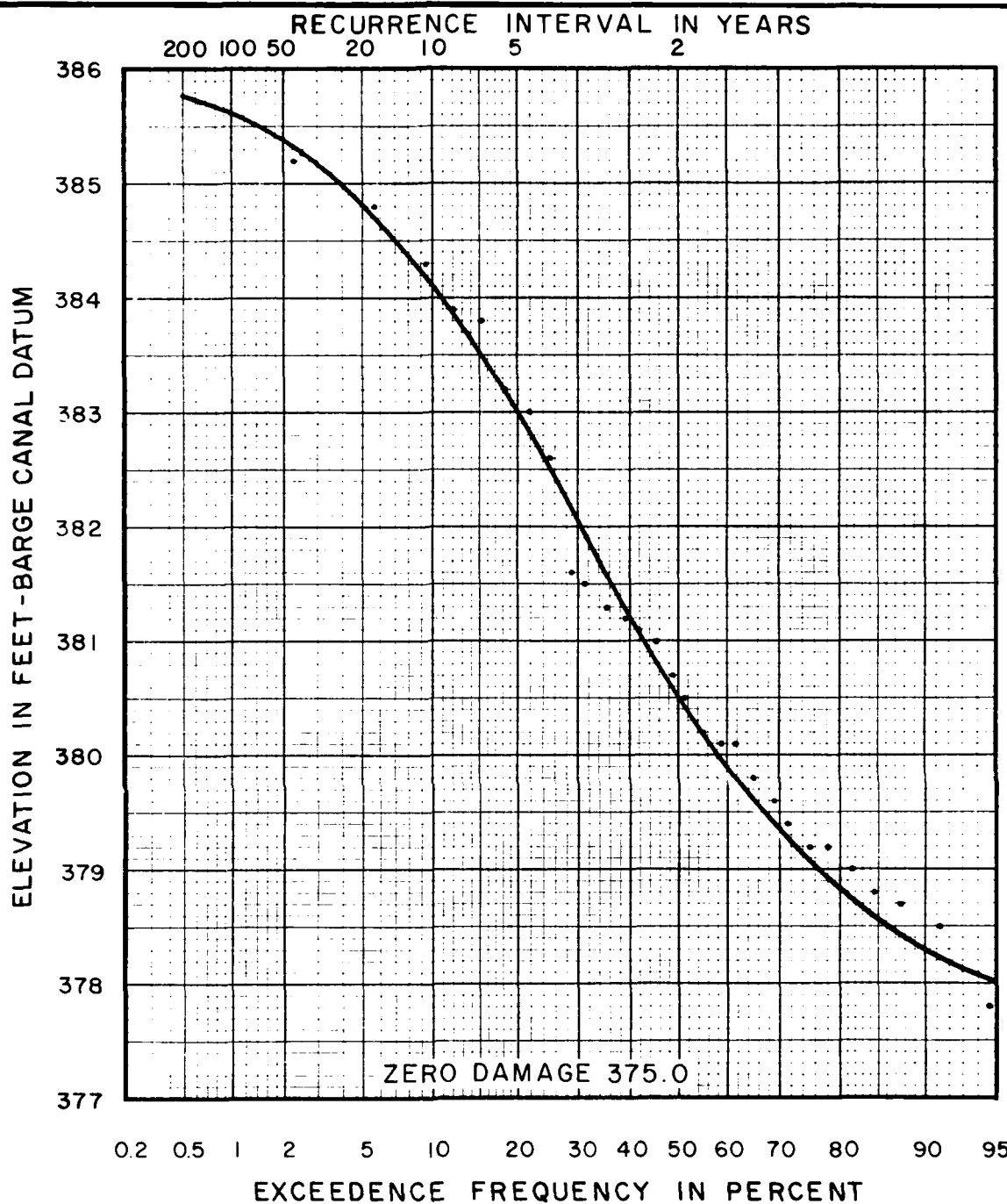
**NOTES:**

P. O. R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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REACH S-3  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973

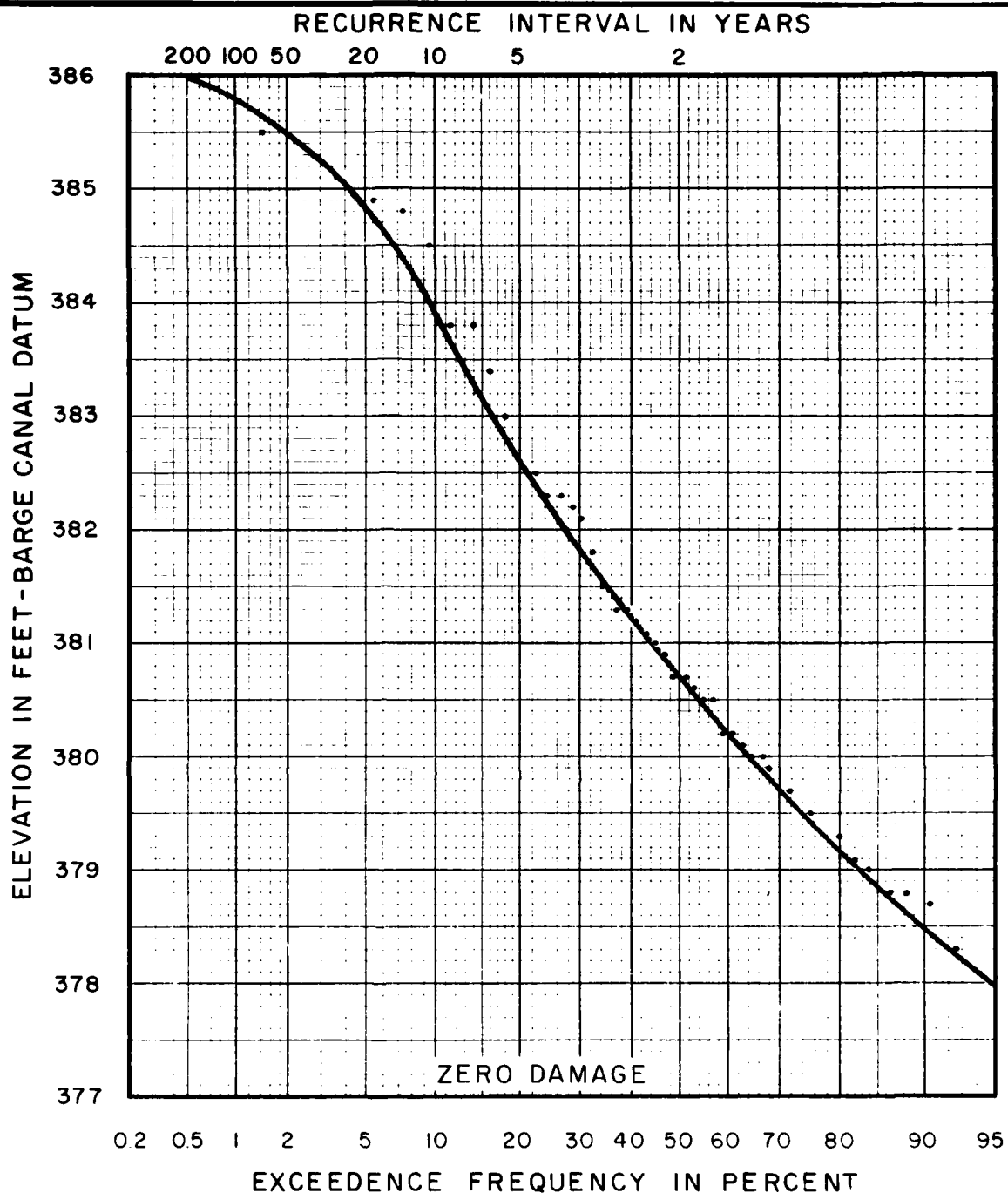




**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1943-1972 (30 YEARS);  
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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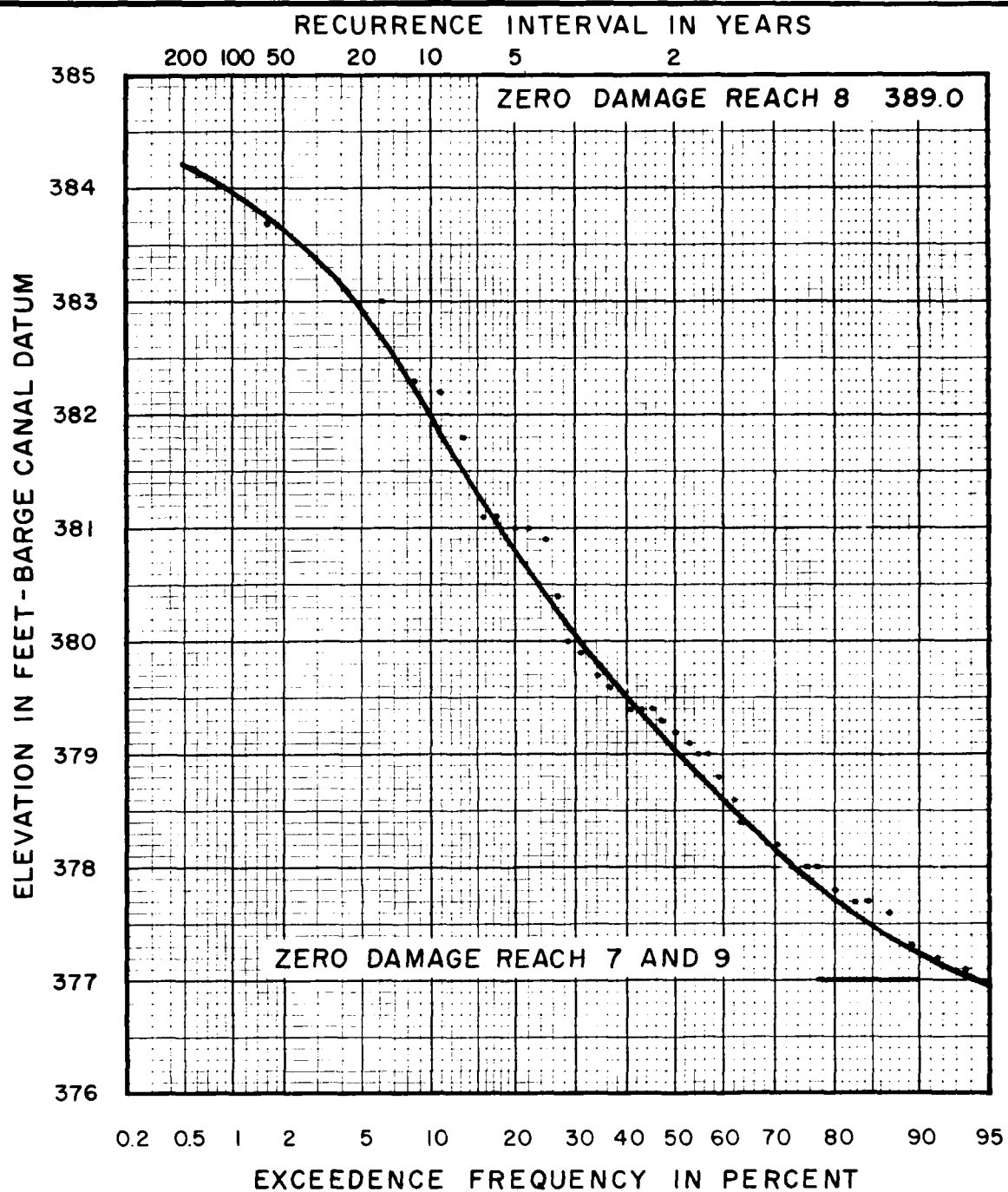


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P.O.R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).

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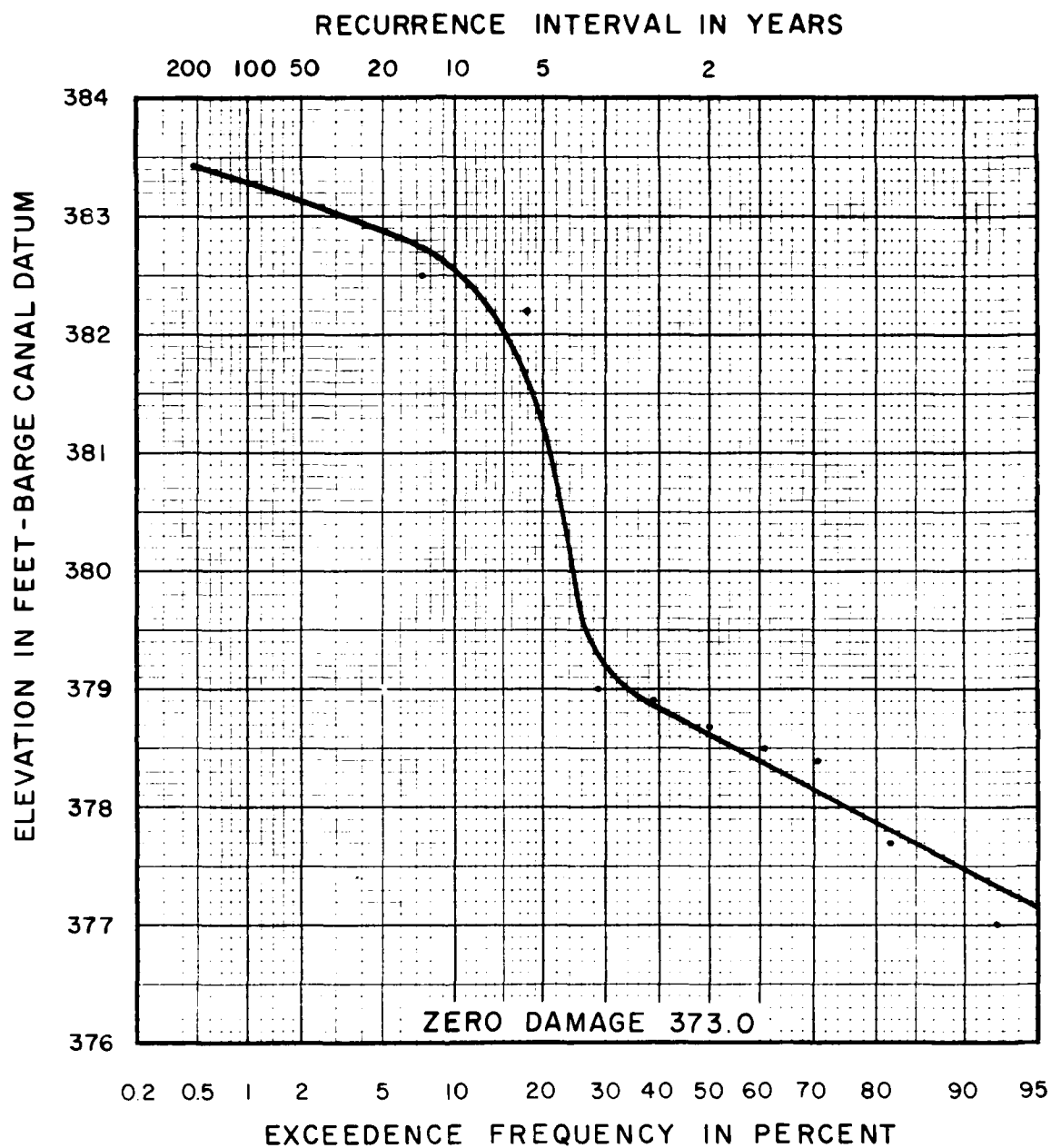
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH S-5 AND S-6  
SENECA RIVER  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P. O. R. 1936-1972 (37 YEARS).  
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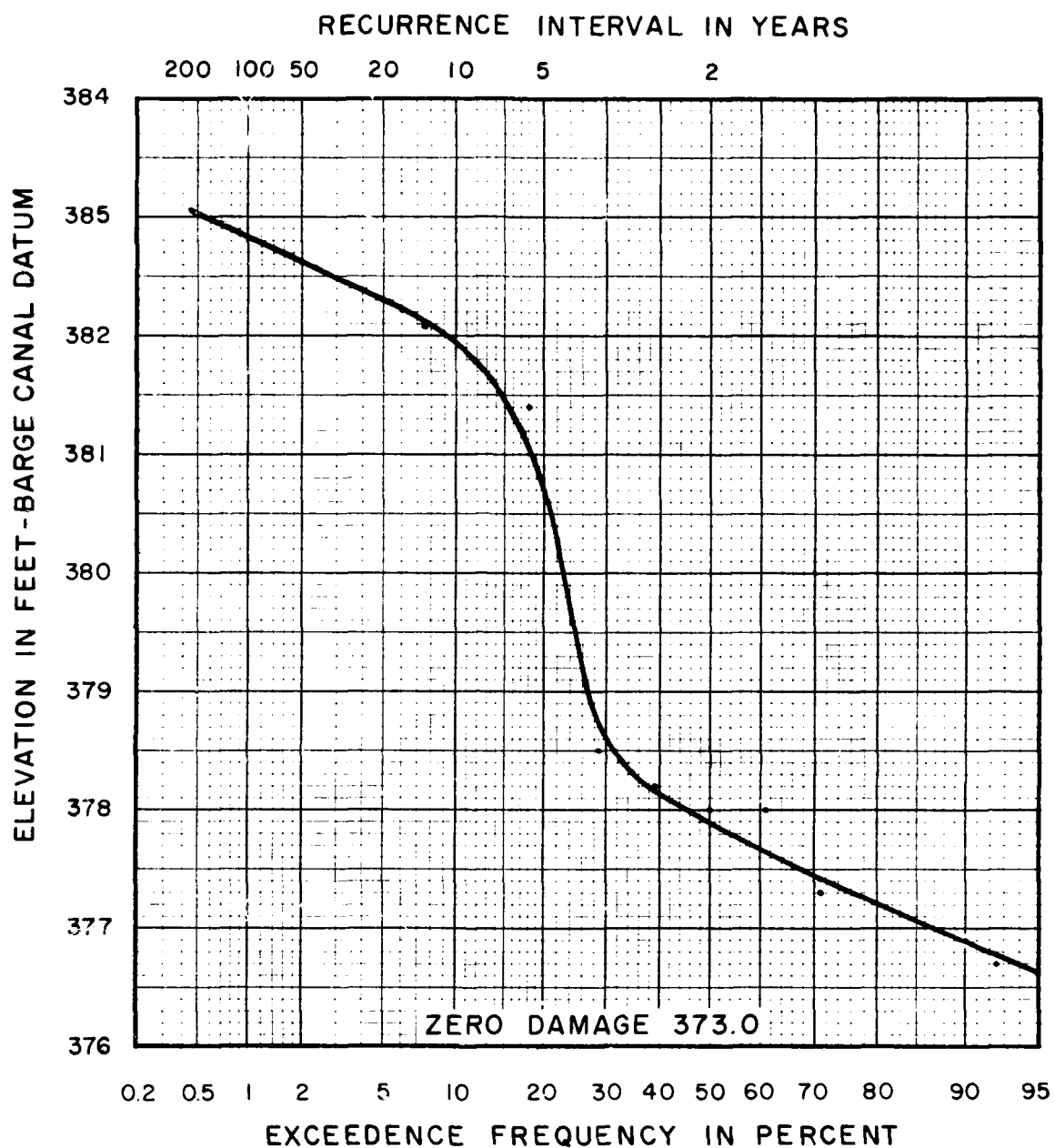
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SENECA RIVER  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1933 - 1941 (9 YEARS).  
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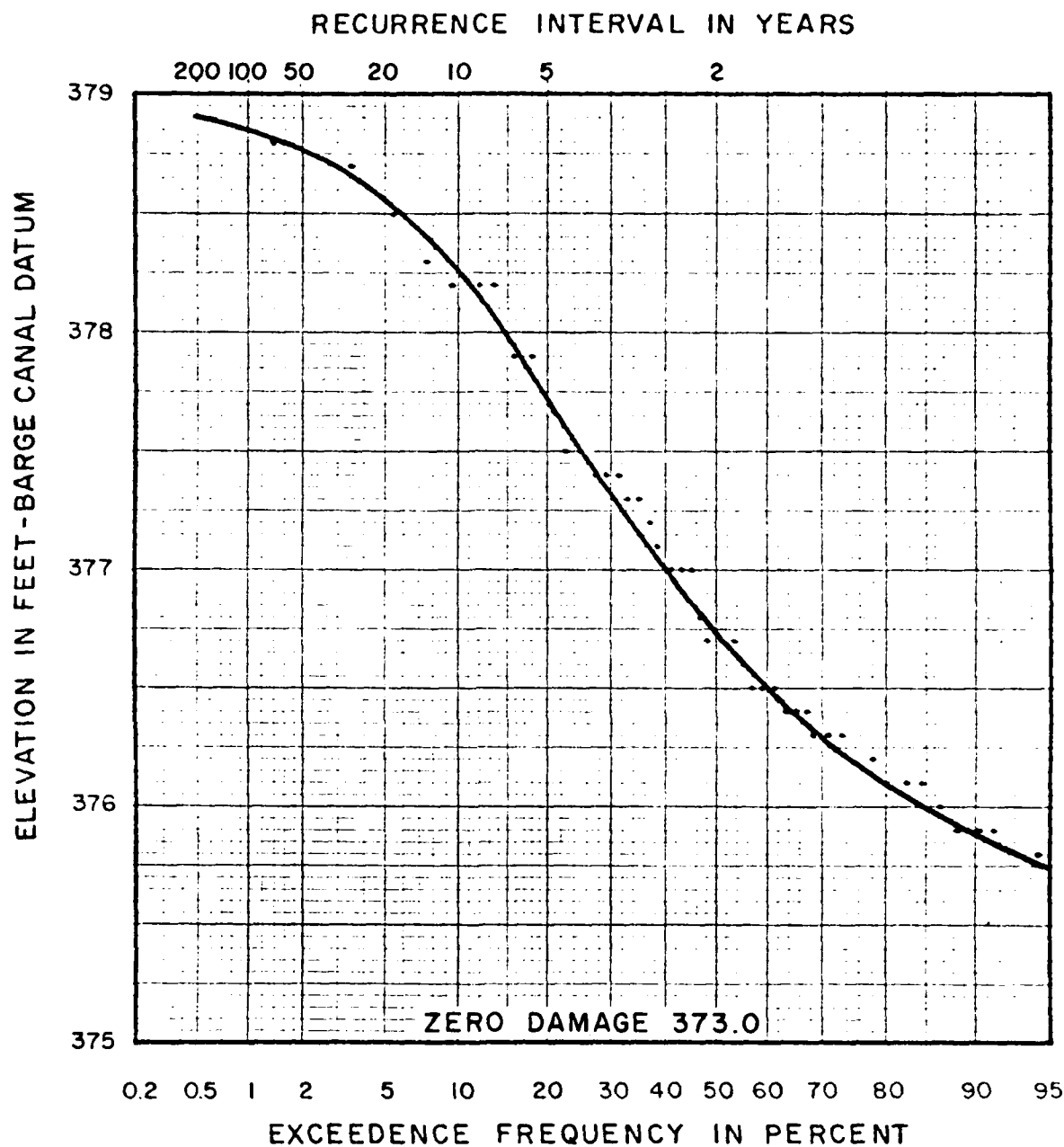
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH S-10  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1933-1941 (9 YEARS)  
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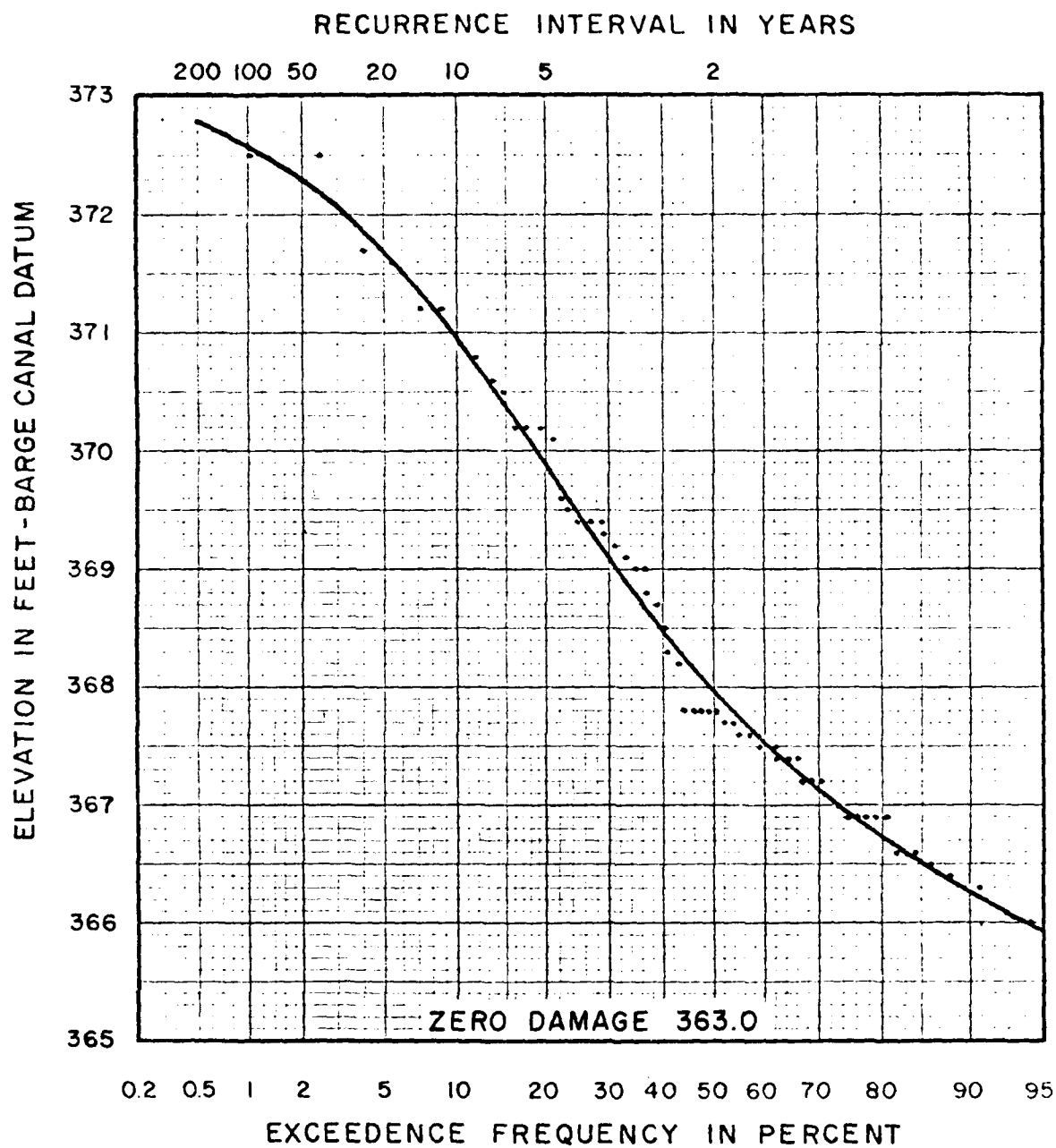
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**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH S-II  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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AUGUST 1973

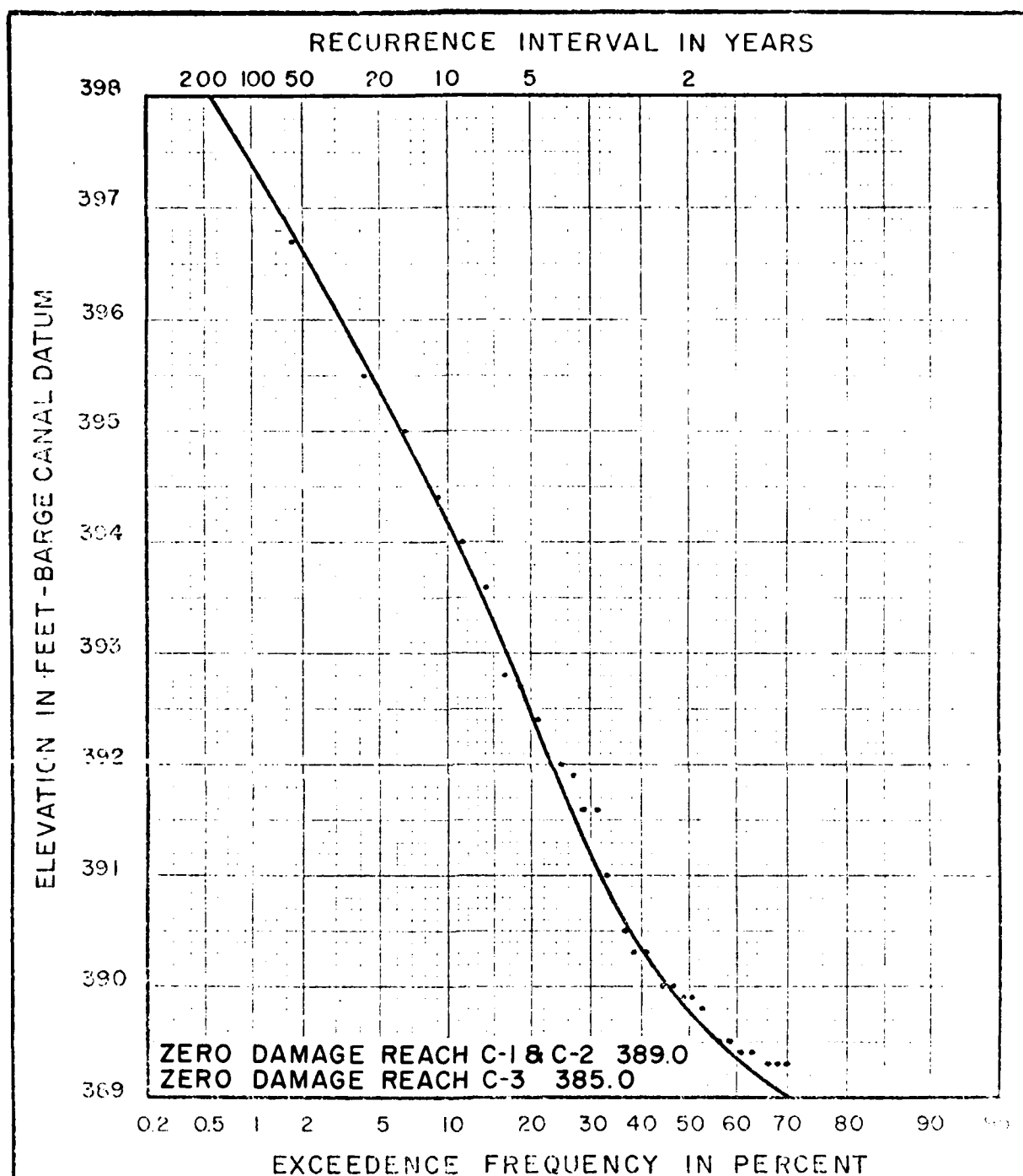


**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1904-1972 (69 YEARS)

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS

REPORT OF FLOOD  
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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REACH S-13 AND S-14  
SENECA RIVER  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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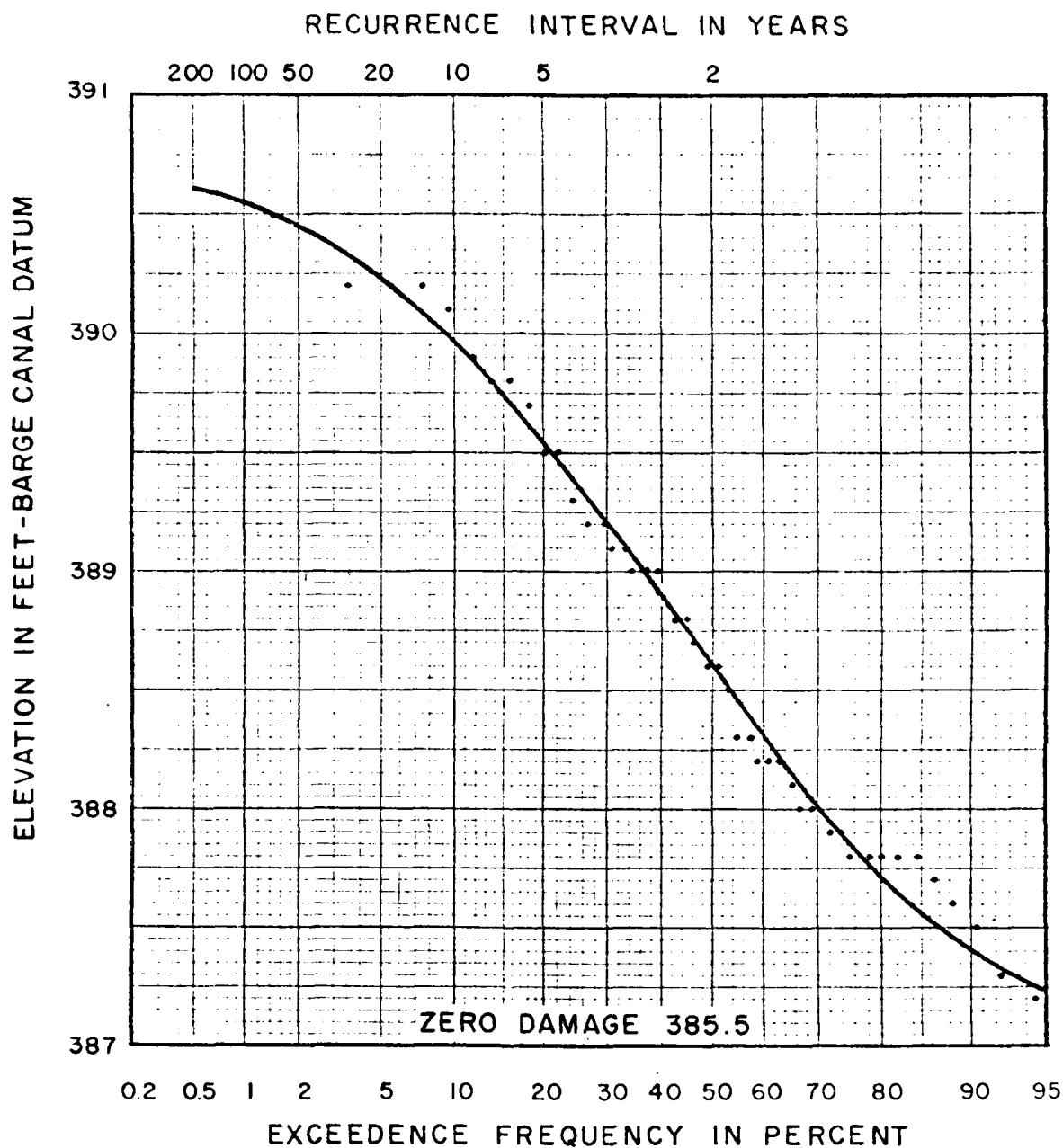
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P.O.R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE  
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CLYDE RIVER  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUREAU  
AUGUST 1972



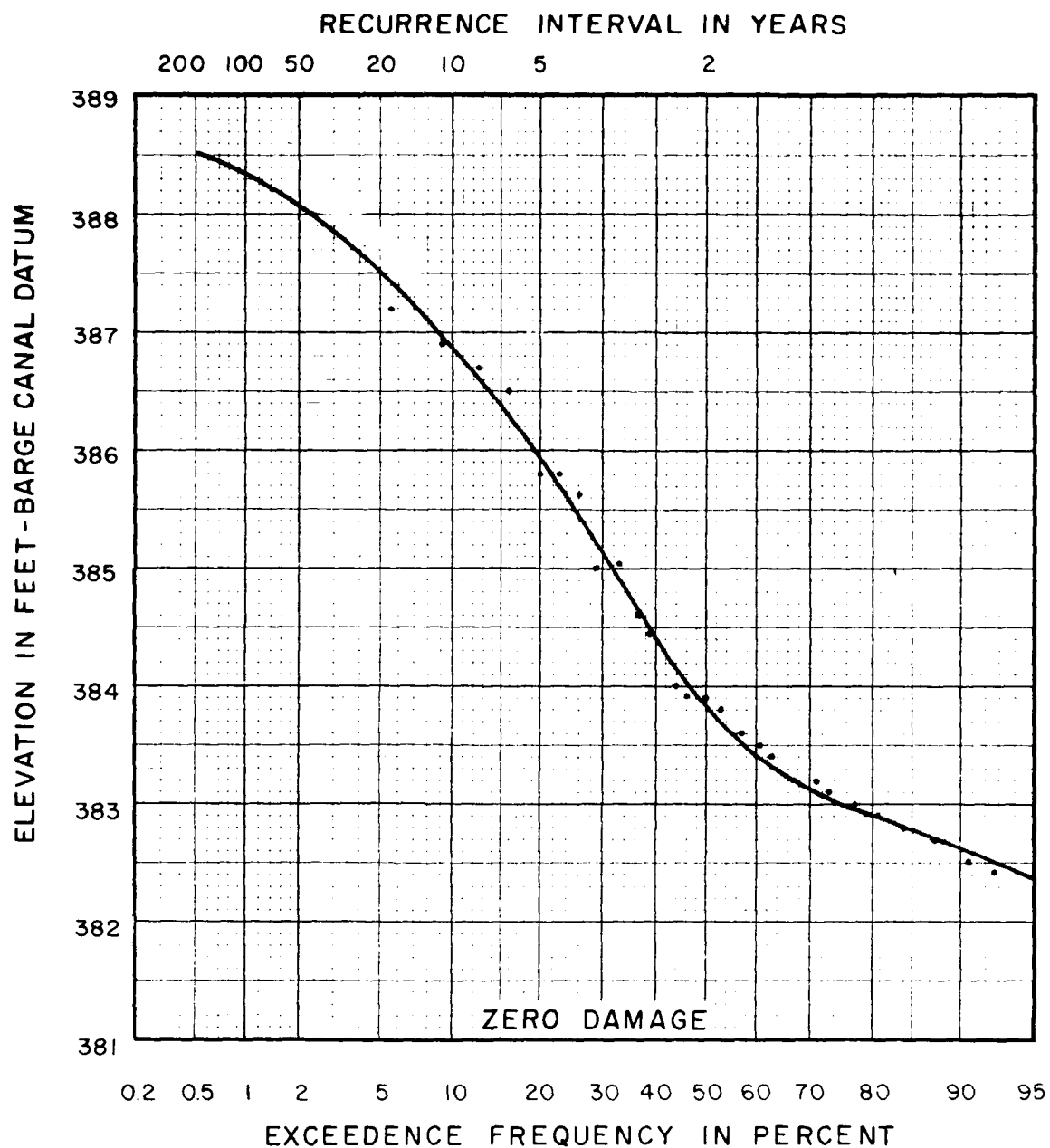


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P. O. R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).

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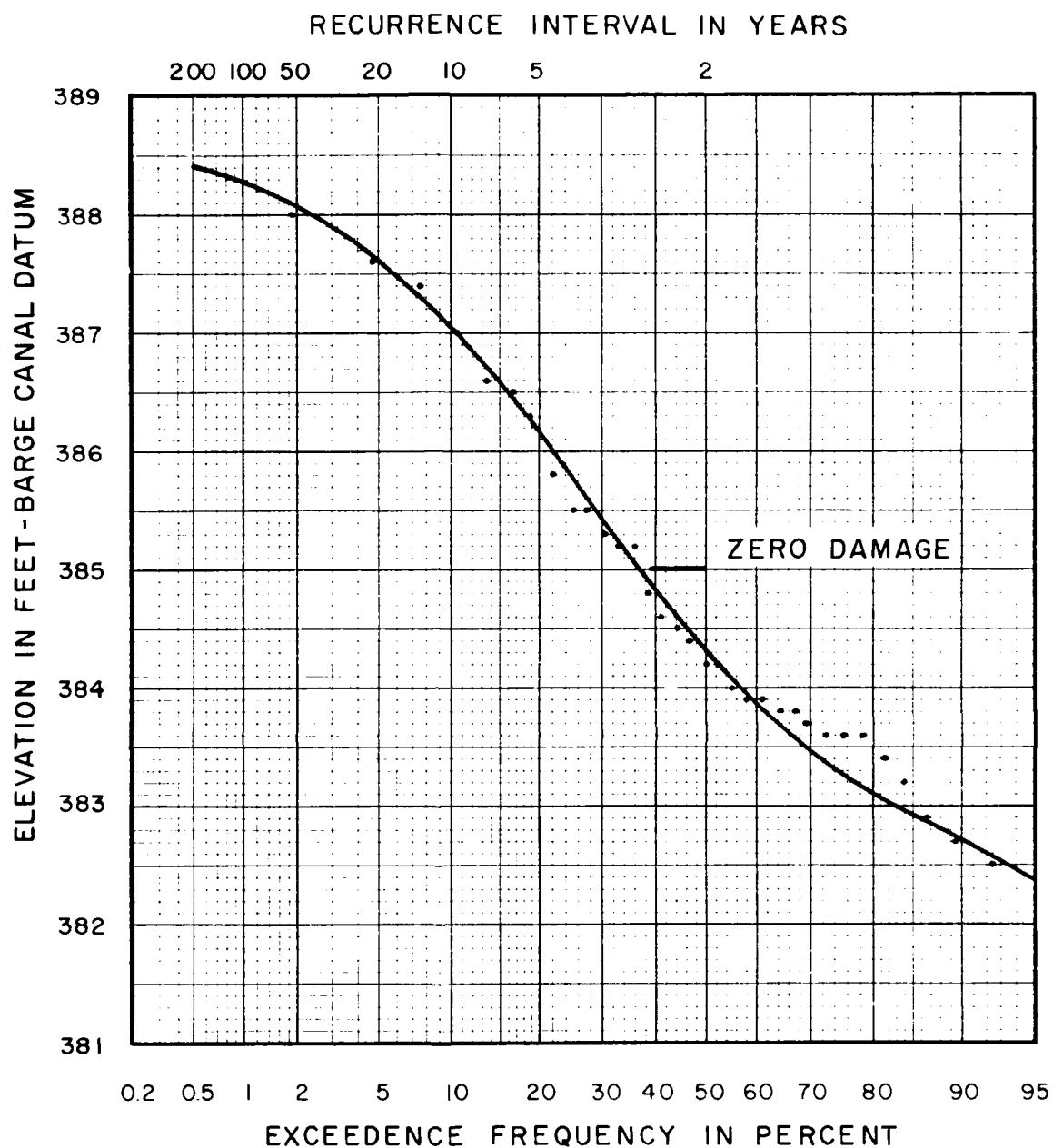
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1943-1972 (30 YEARS).  
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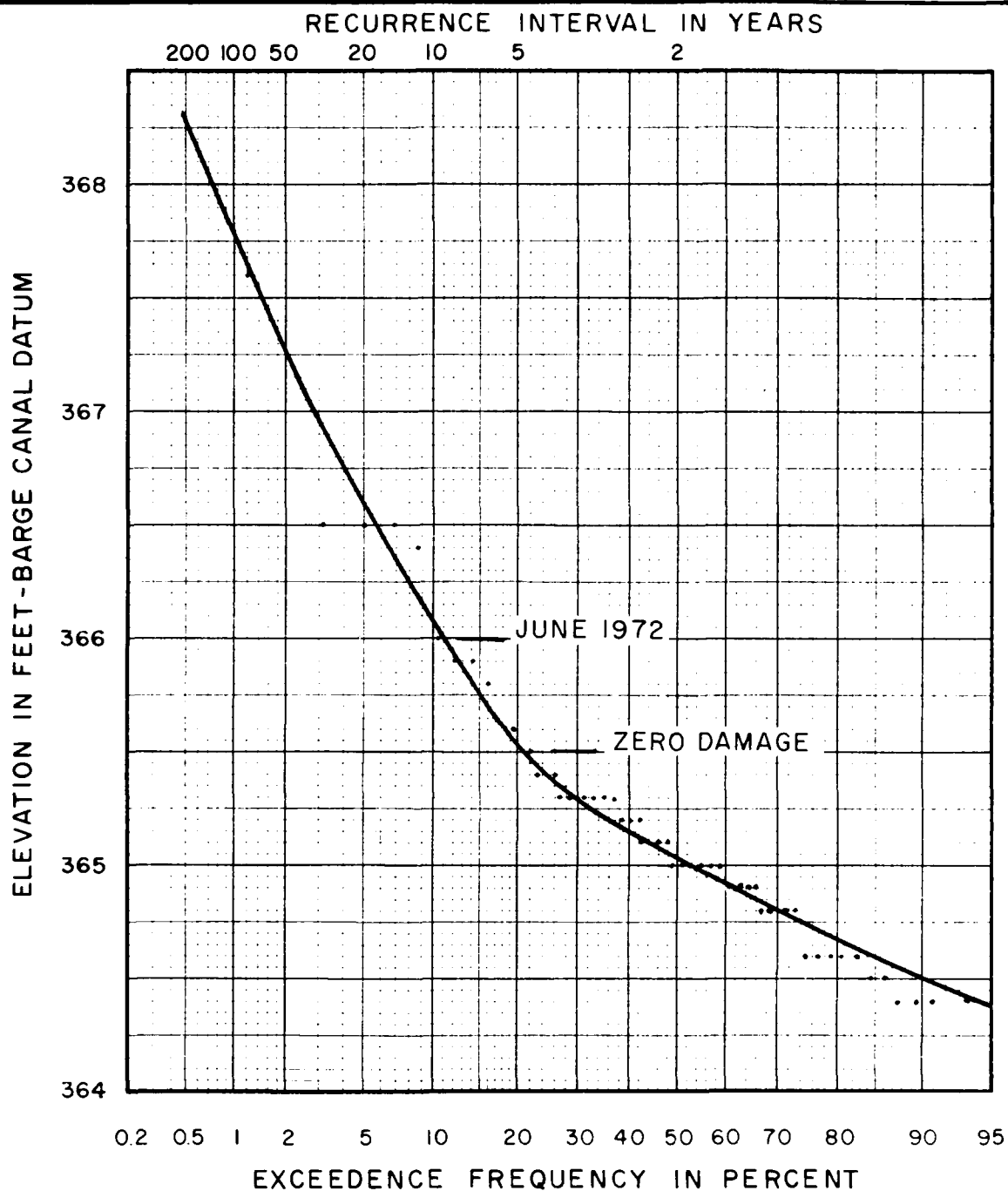
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH C-5  
CLYDE RIVER  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O. R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS)  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973

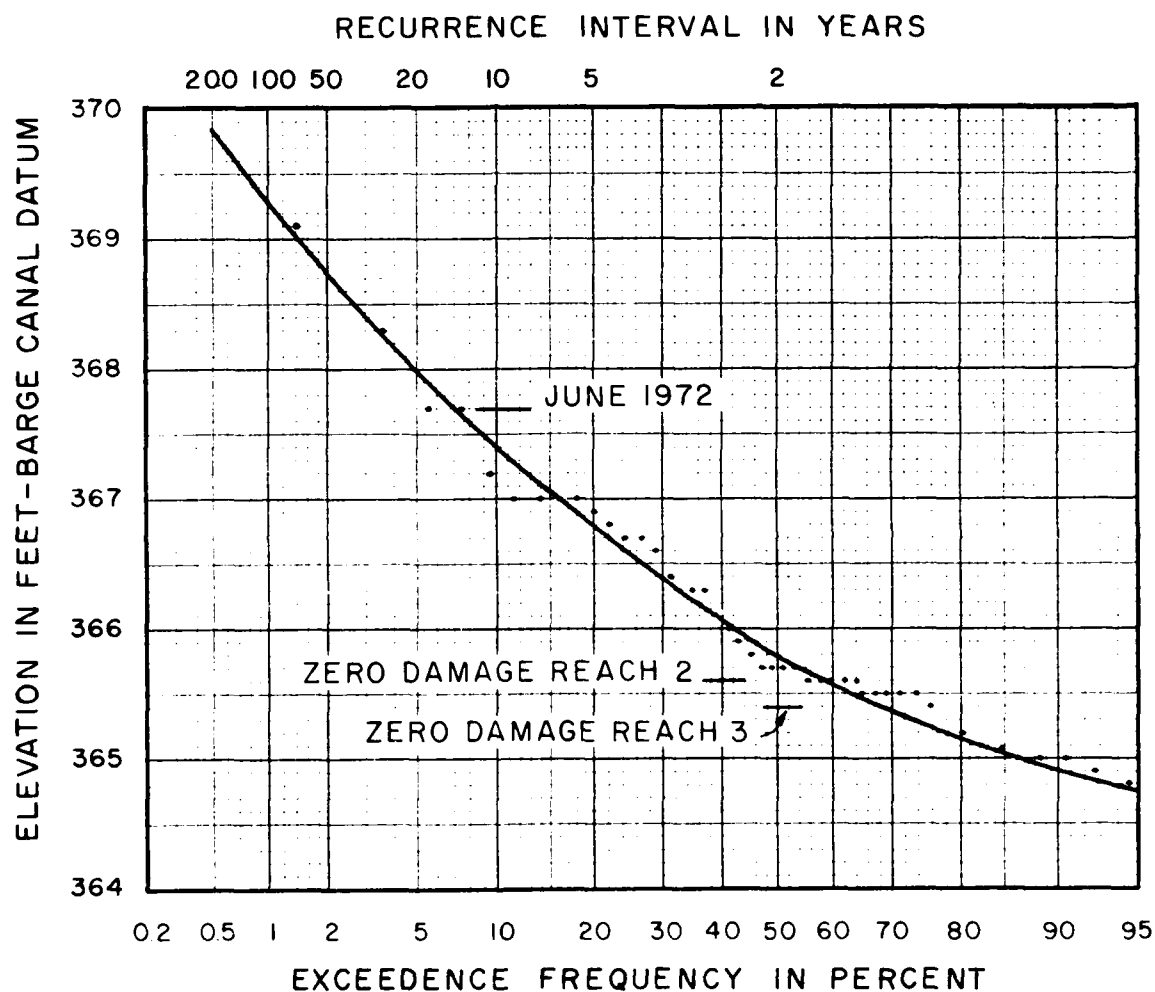


**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1912-1972 (61 YEARS).

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973

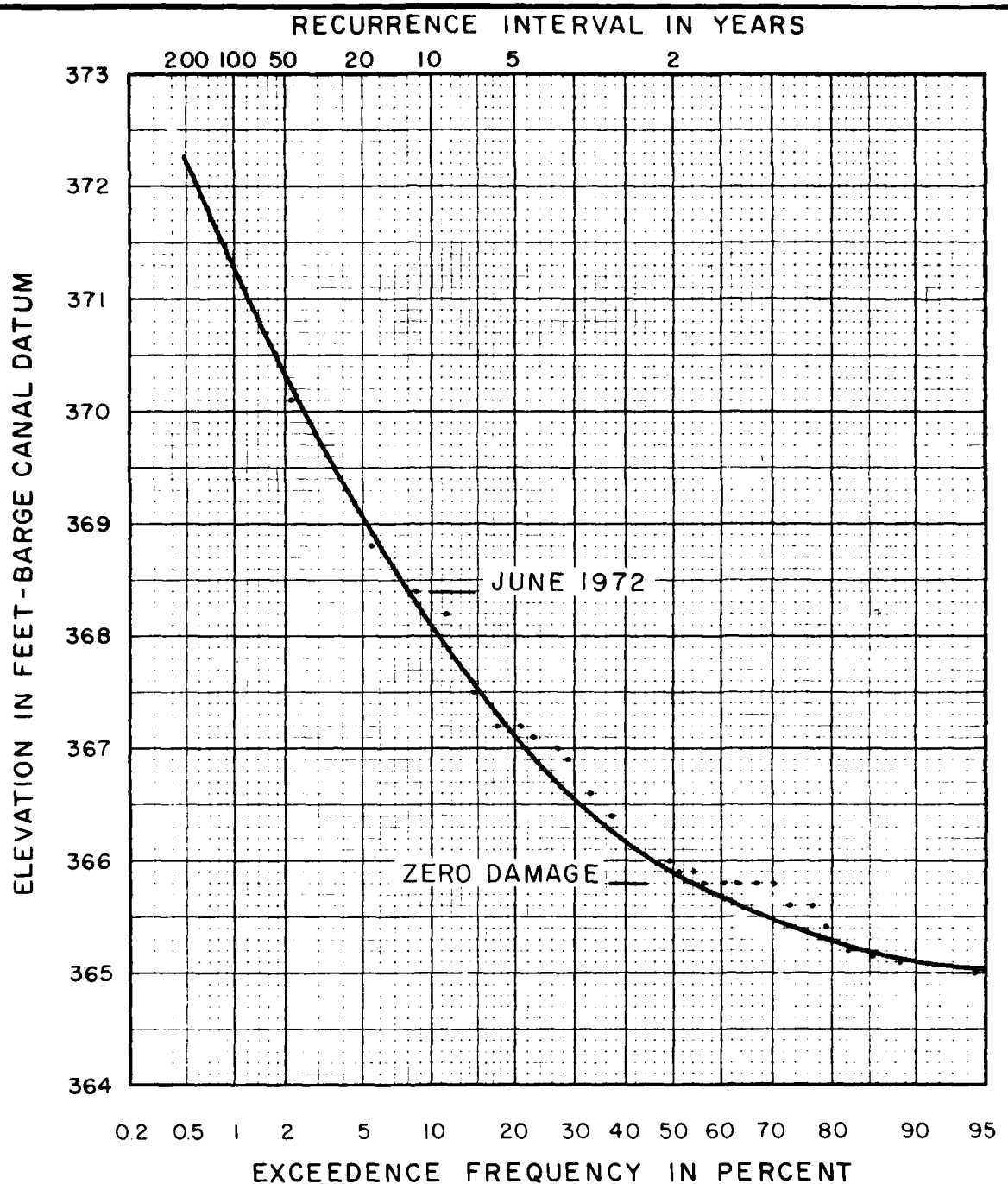


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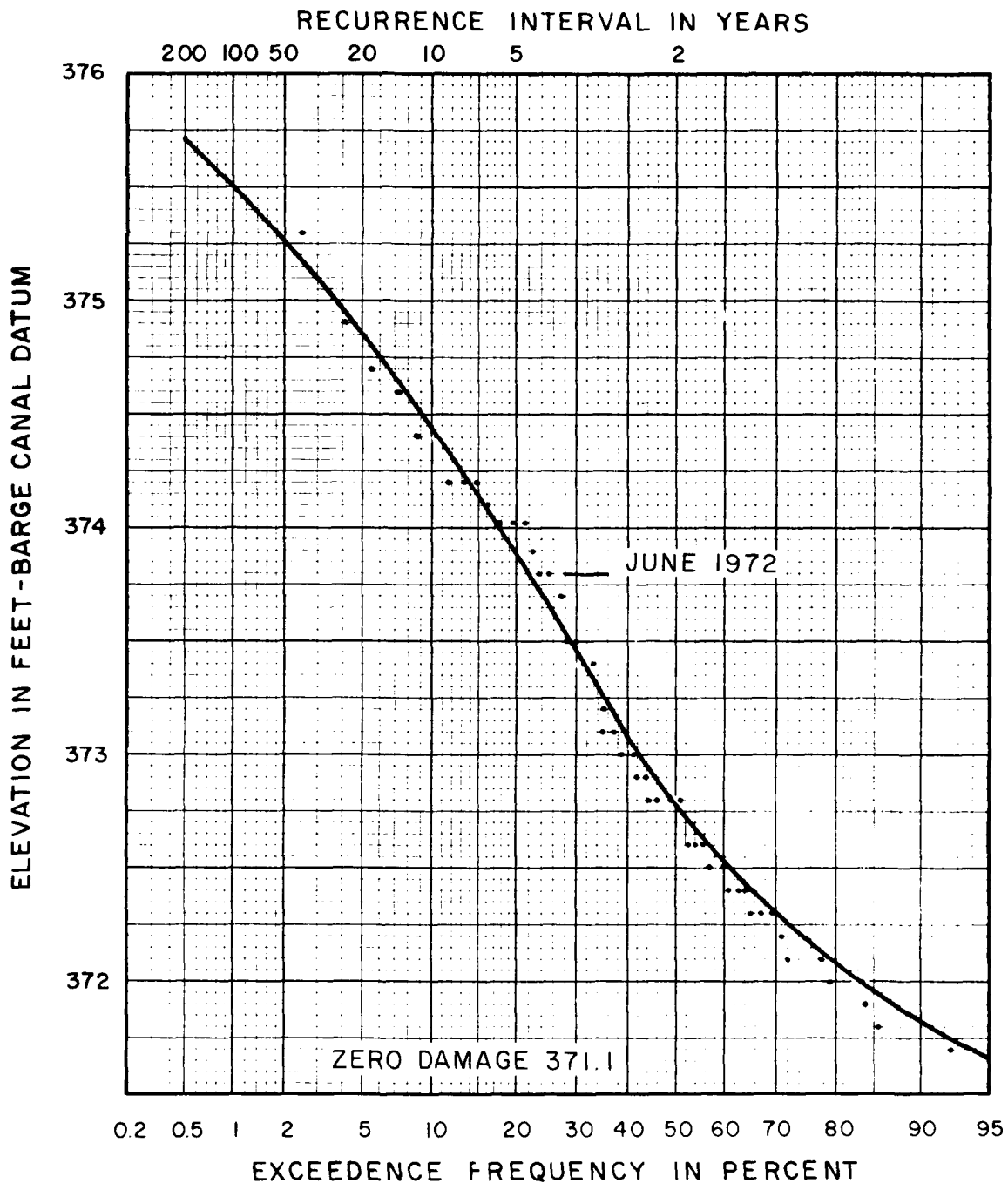
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
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ONEIDA RIVER  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P. O. R. 1936-1972 (37 YEARS)  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

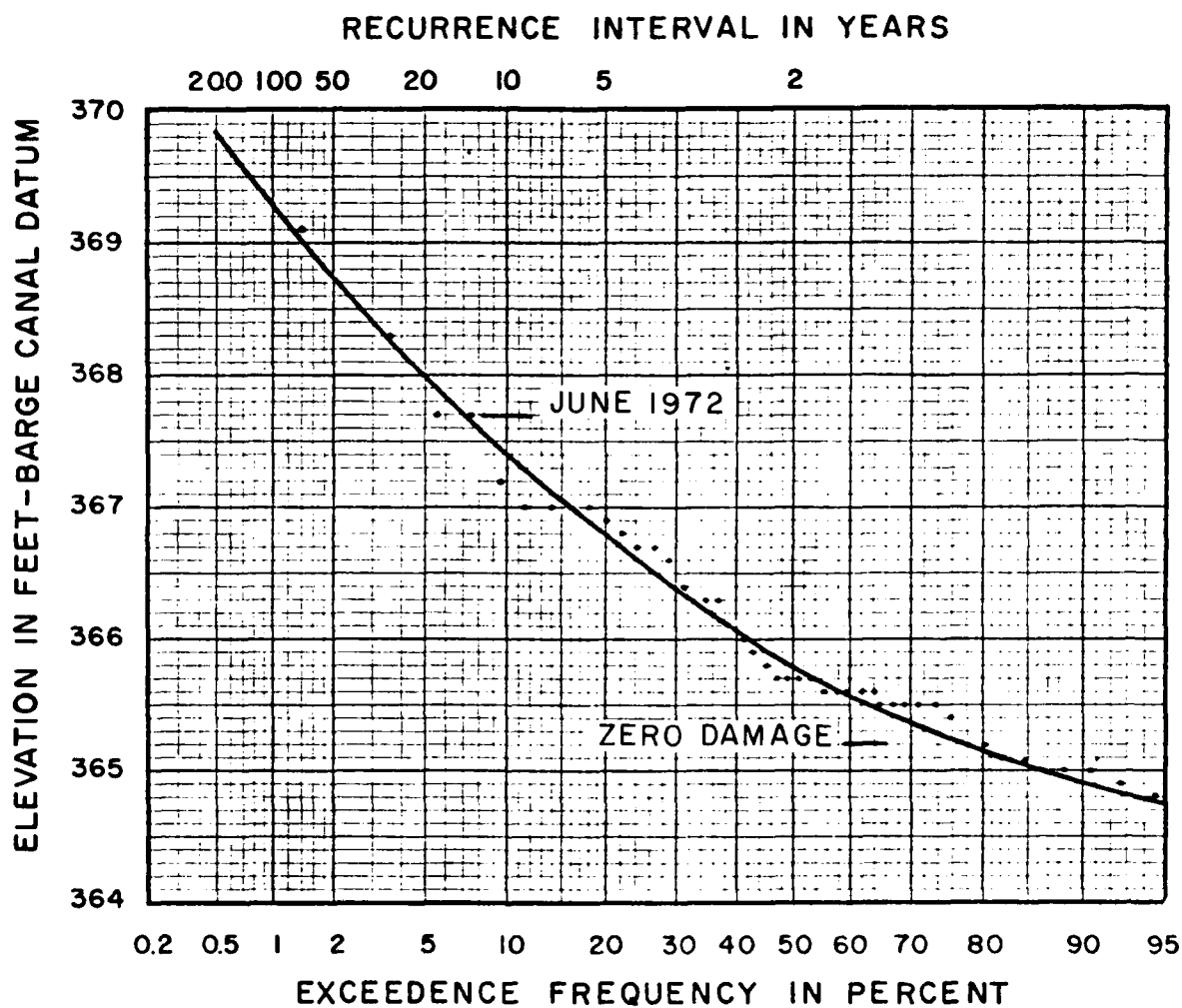
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**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH 5  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1905-1972 (68 YEARS).  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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REACH 6  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973

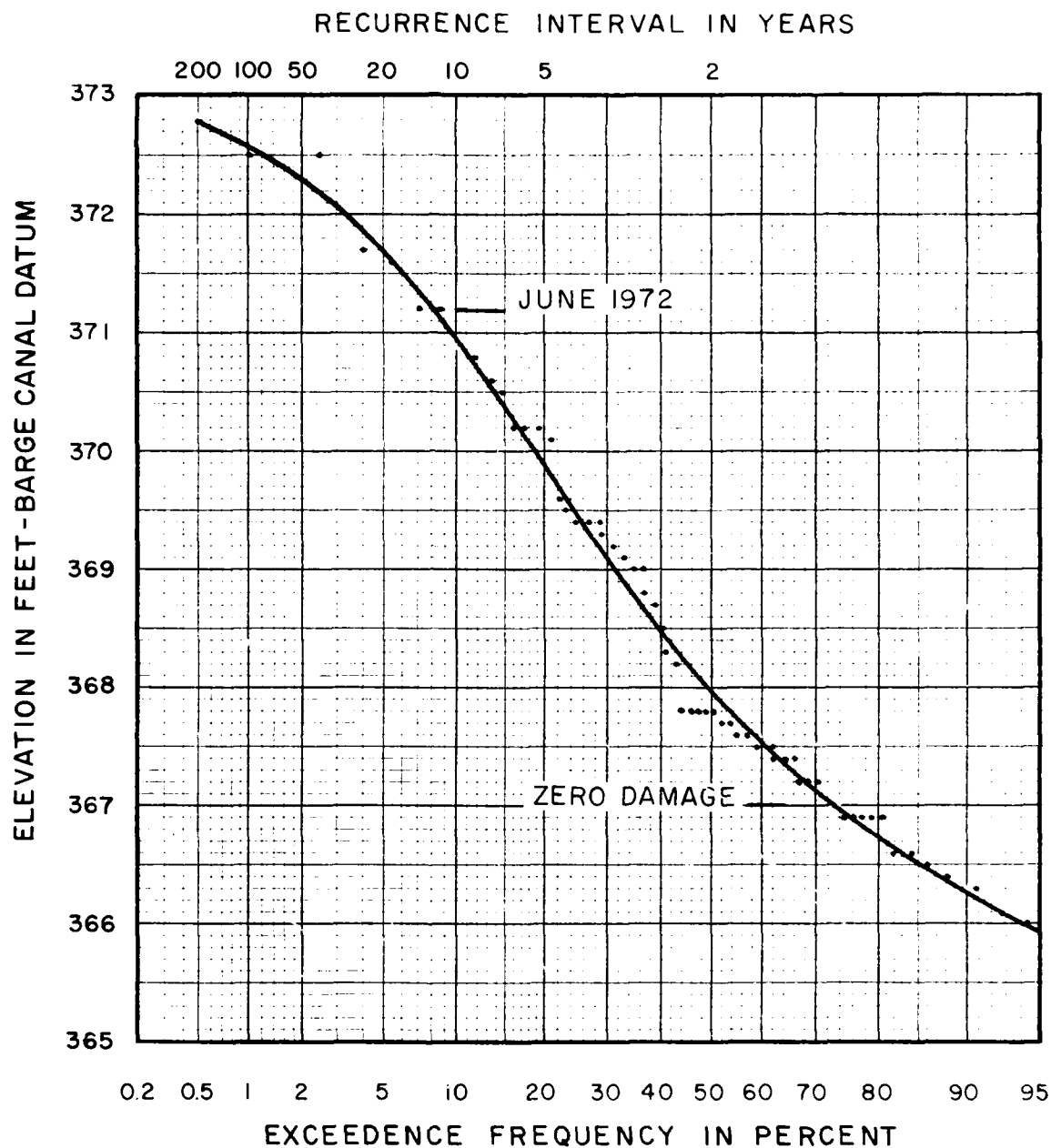


**NOTES:**

P. O. R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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REACH 7  
SENECA RIVER  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



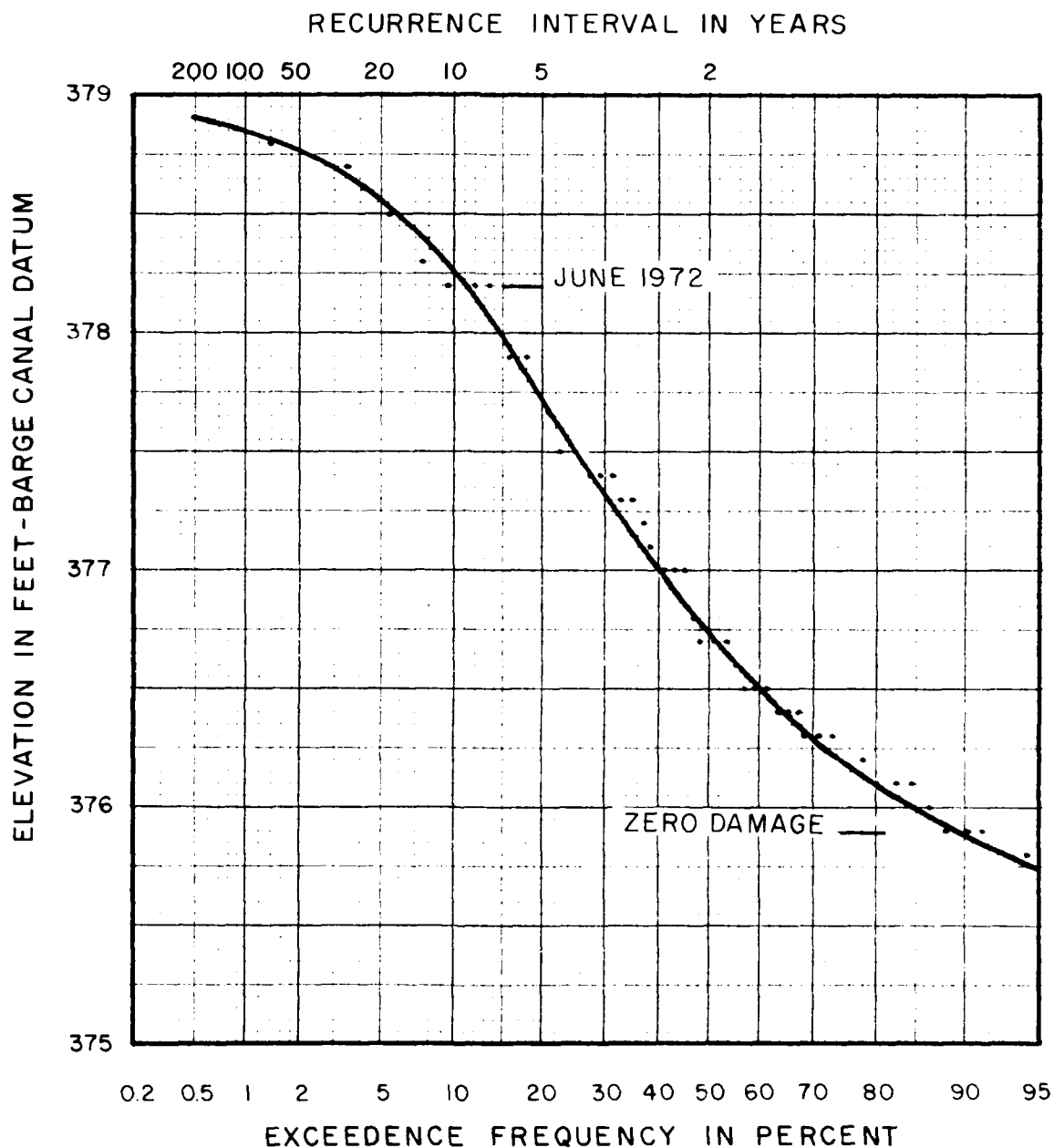


**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1904-1972 (69 YEARS)

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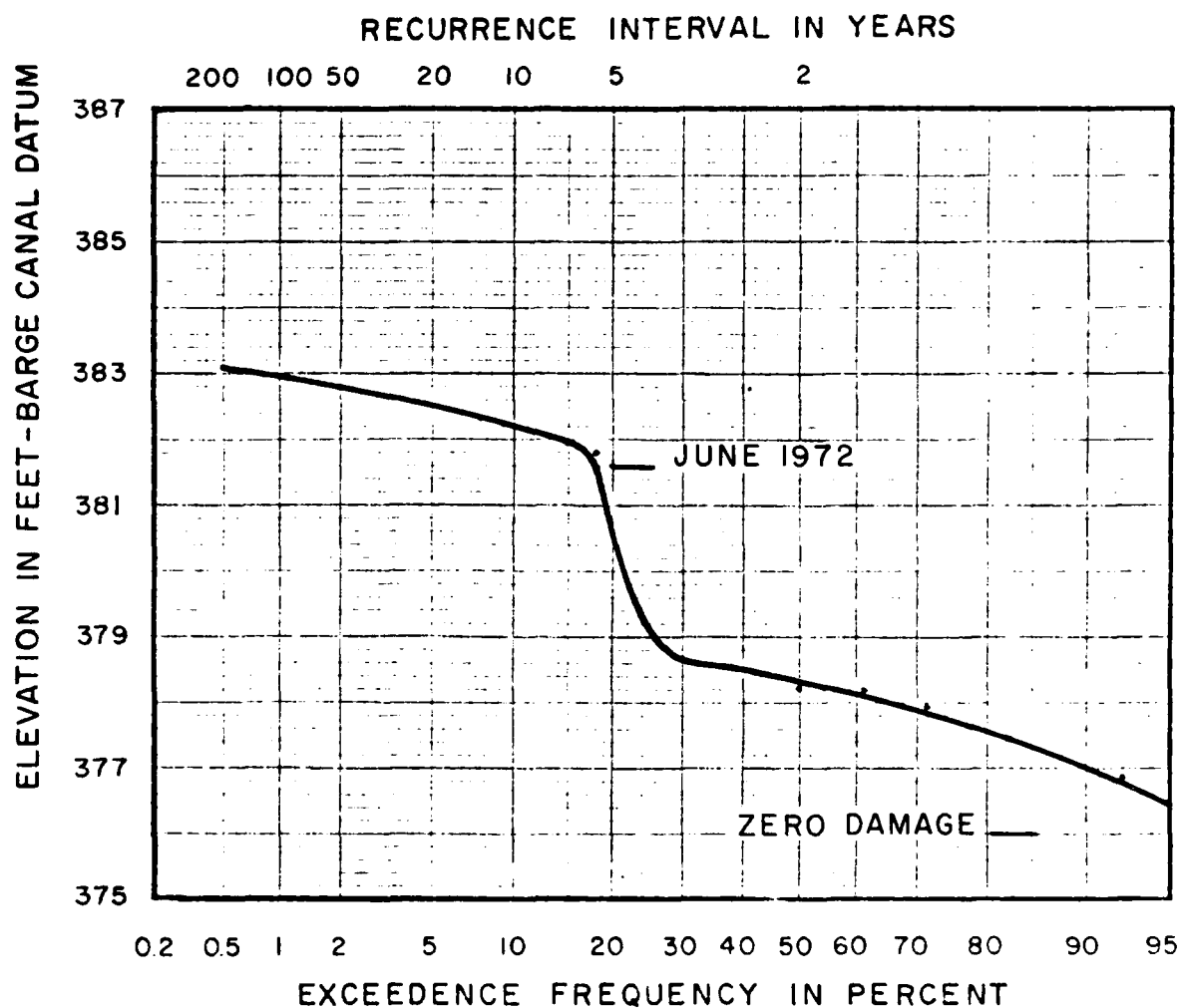
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH 8  
SENECA RIVER  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

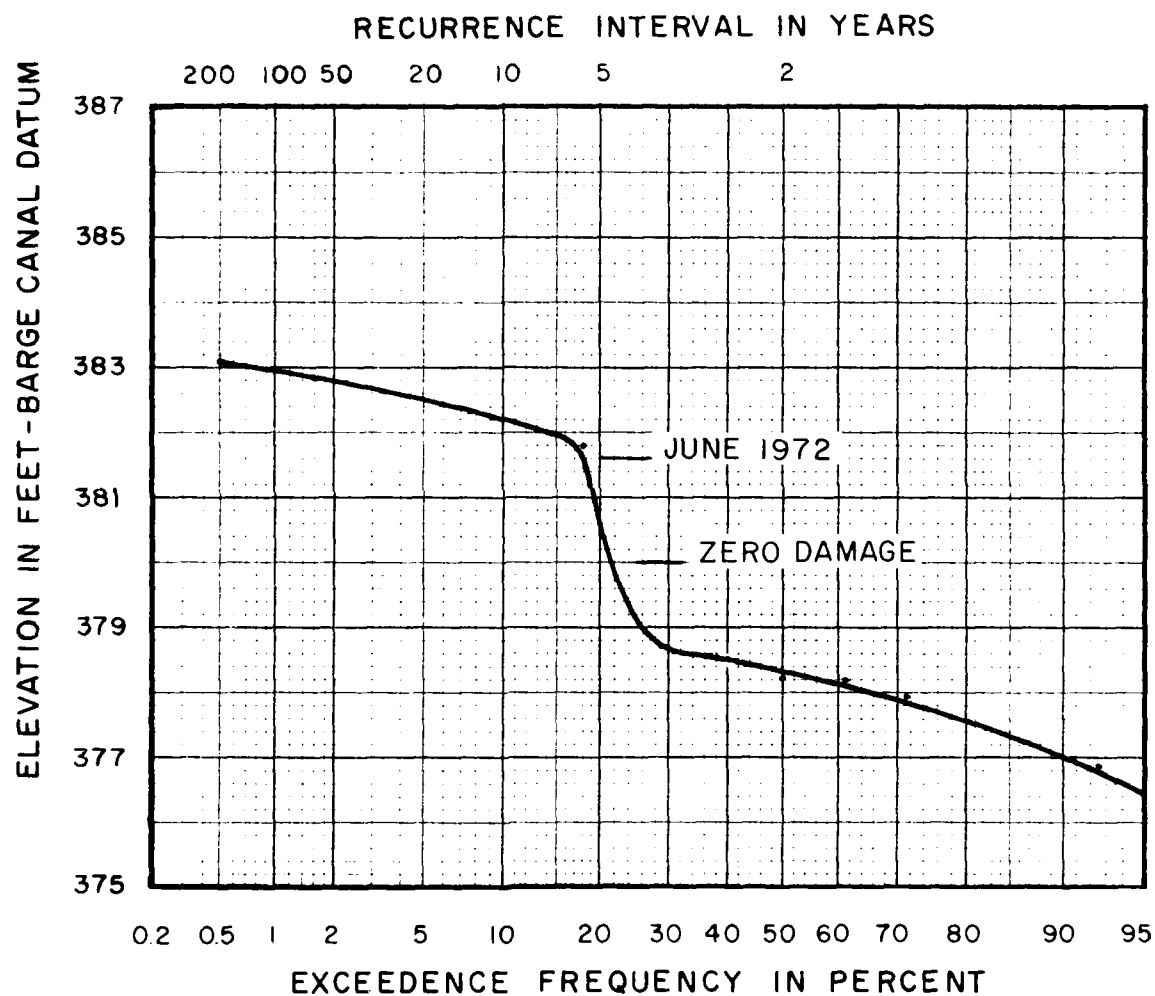
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH 9  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1933-1941 (9 YEARS)  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

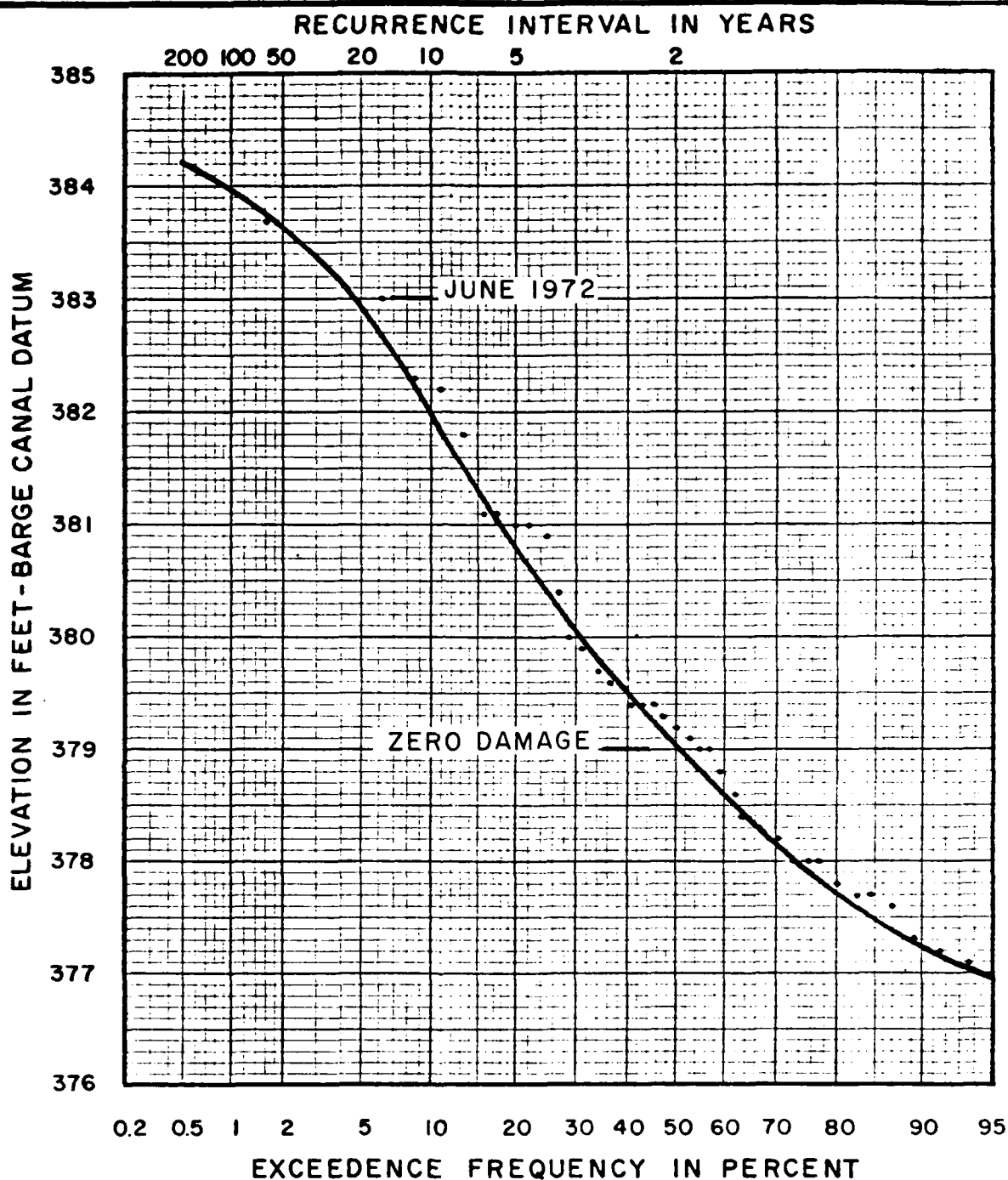
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1933-1941 (9 YEARS)  
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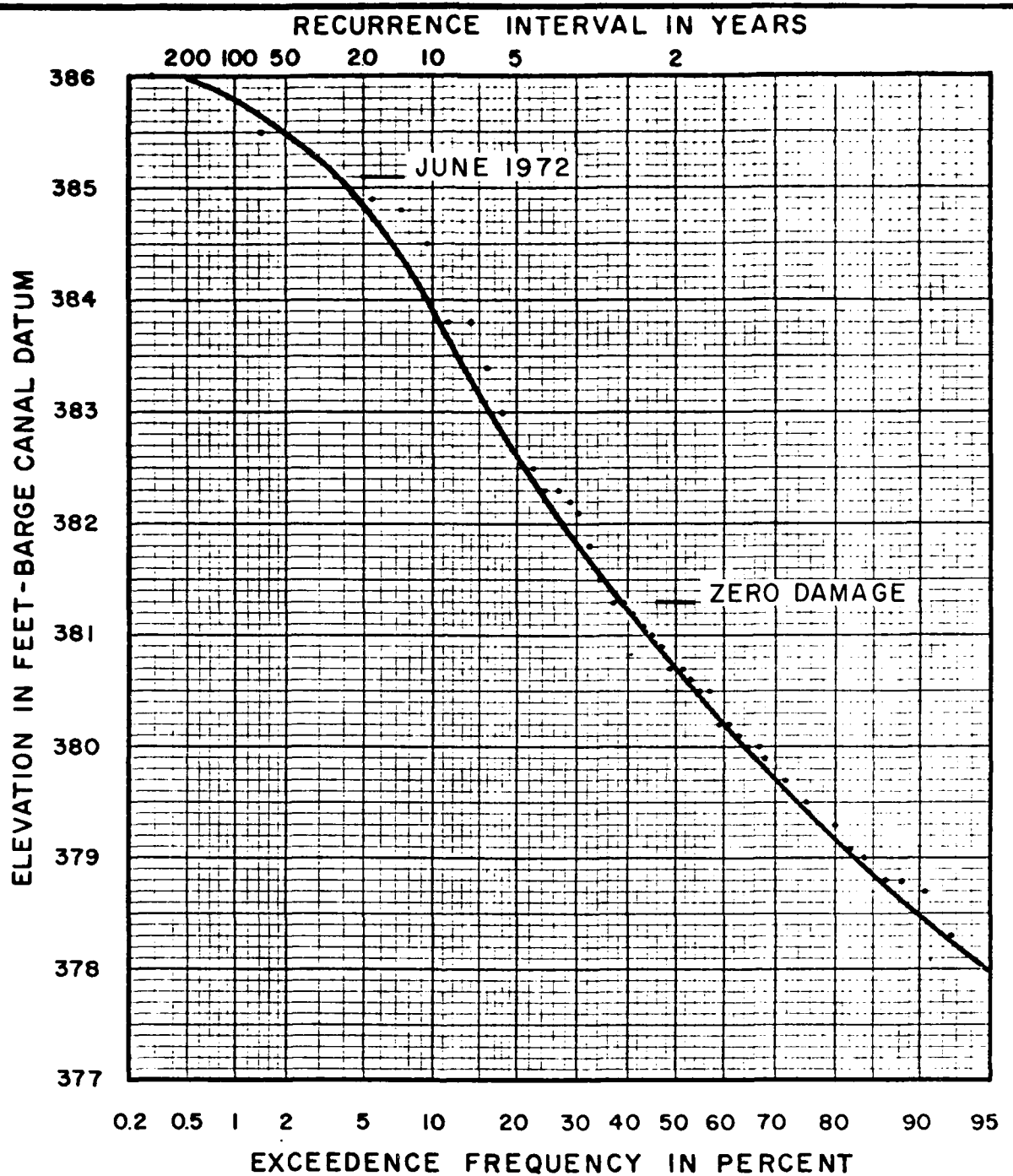
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P. O. R. 1936-1972 (37 YEARS).  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
TROPICAL STORM AGNES, JUNE 1972  
OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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REACH 12  
SENECA RIVER  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973

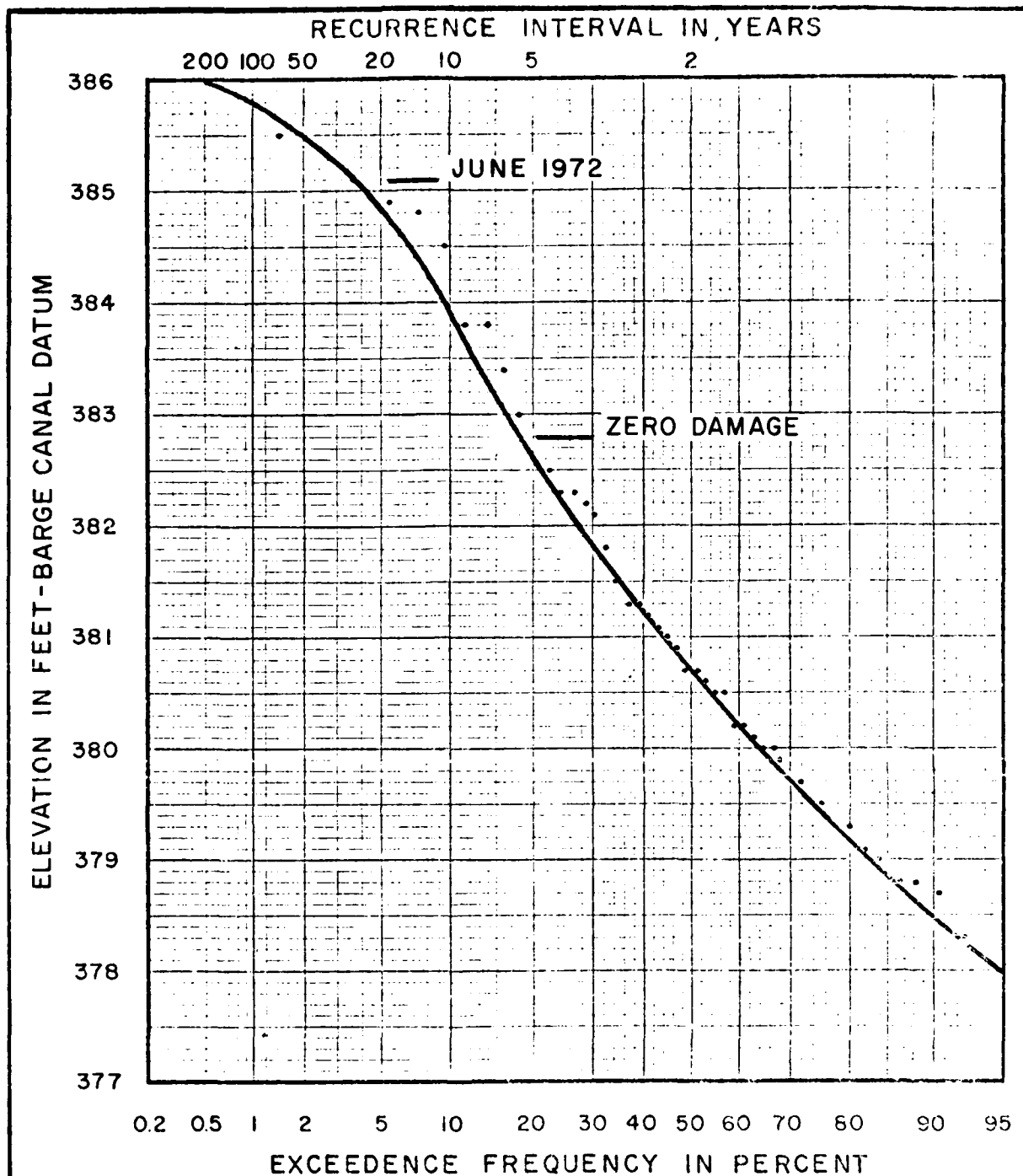


**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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REACH 13  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973

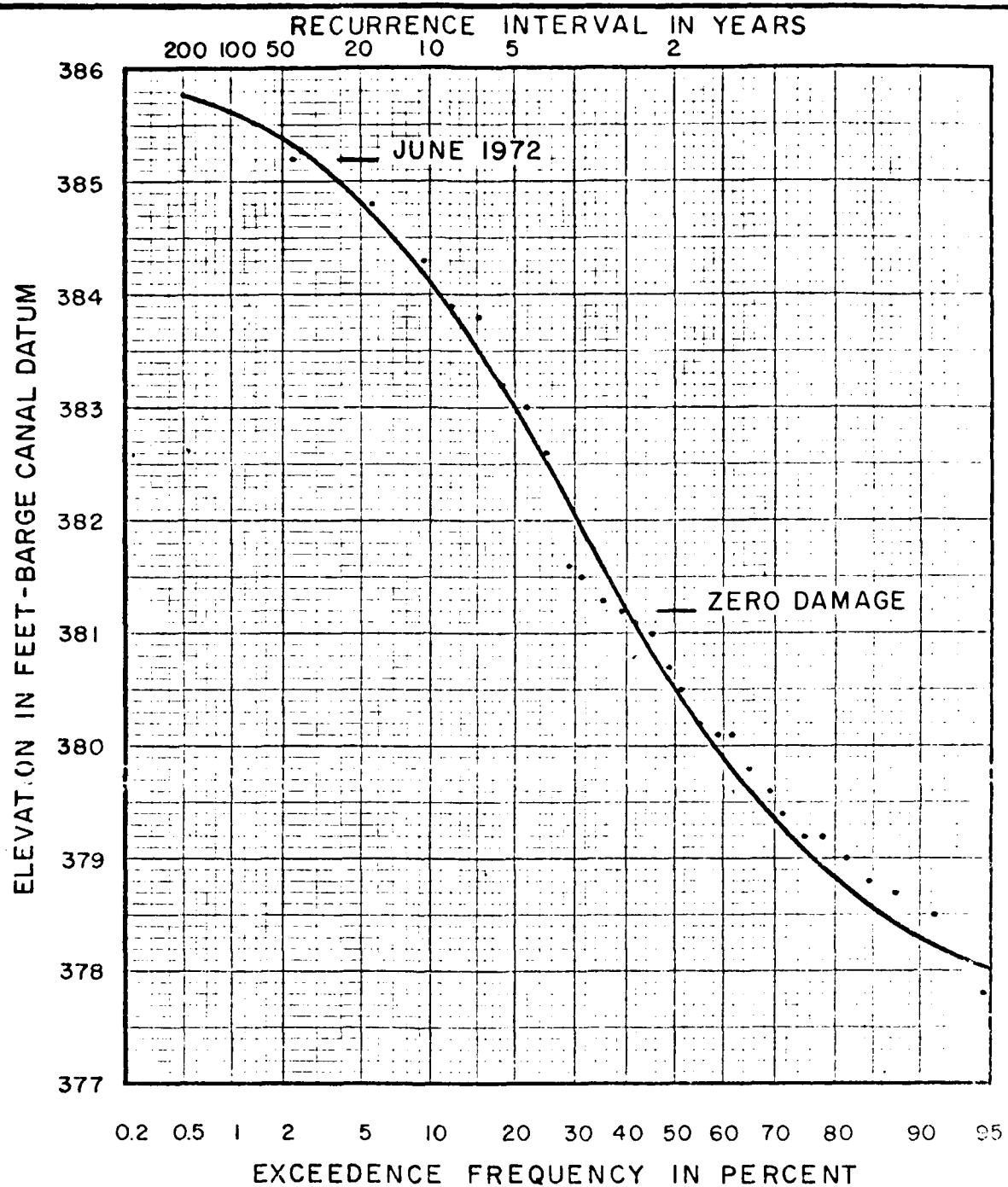


**NOTES:**

P. O. R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).

DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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**REACH 14**  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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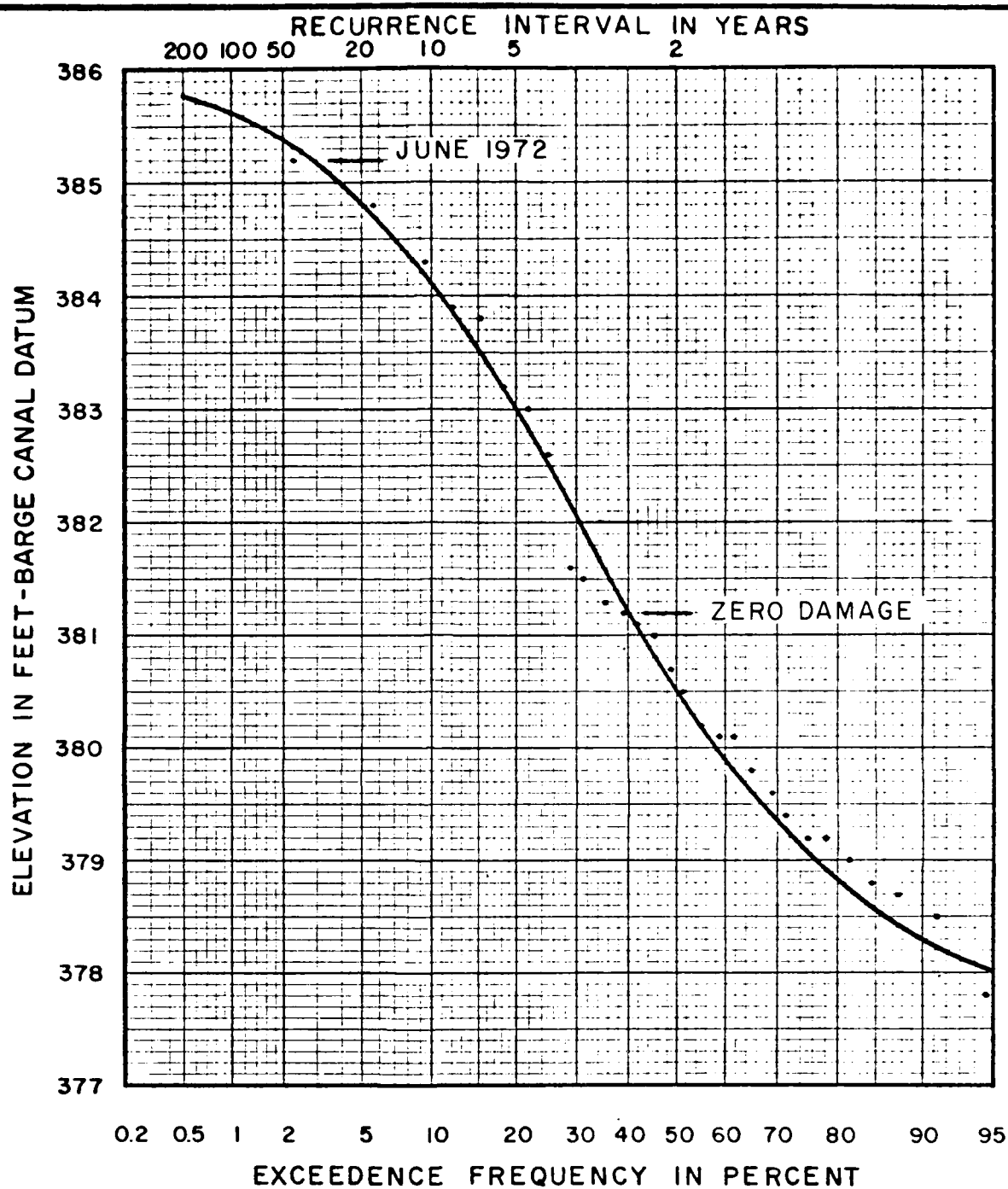


**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1943-1972 (30 YEARS)  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS

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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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**REACH 15**  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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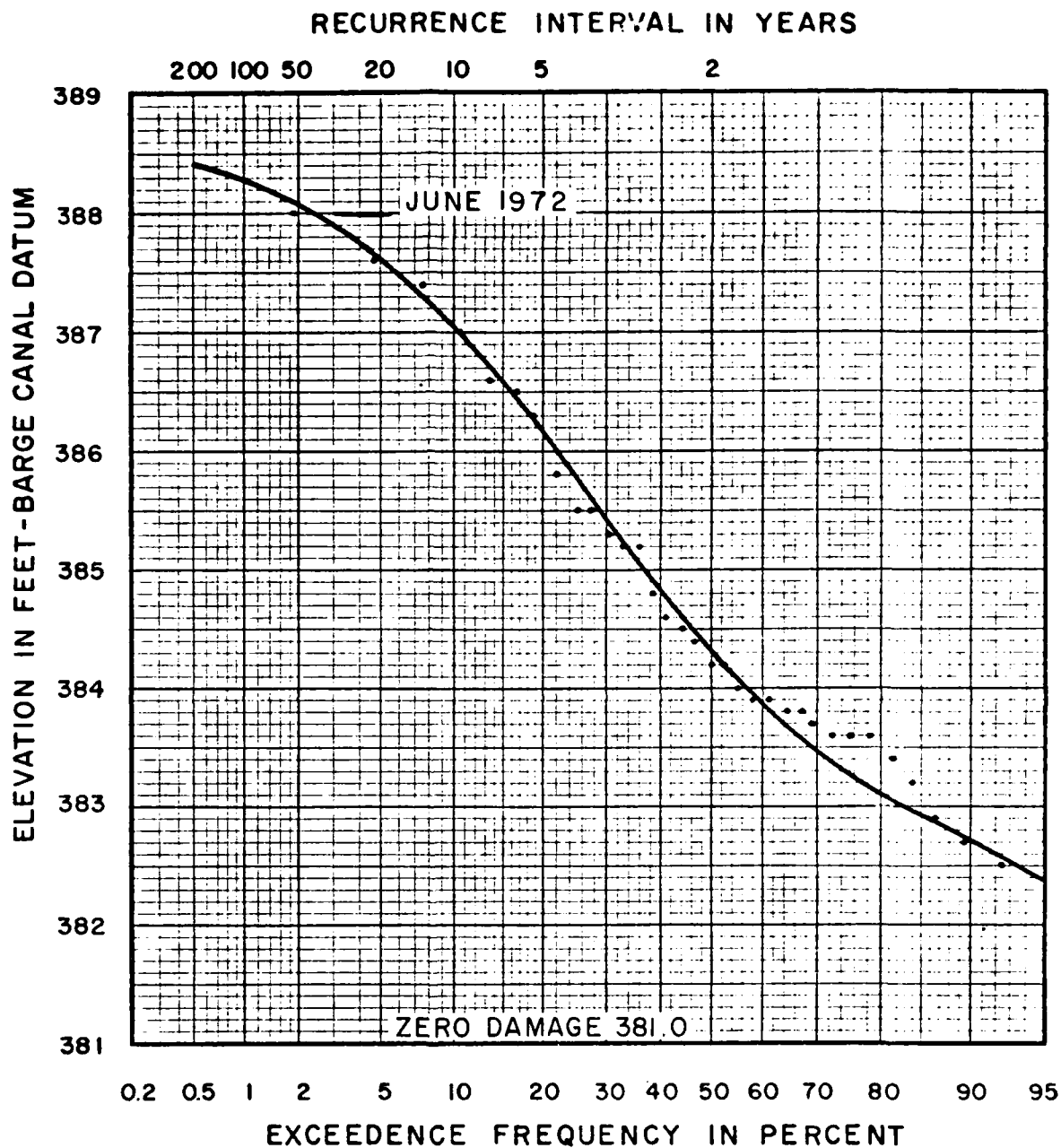




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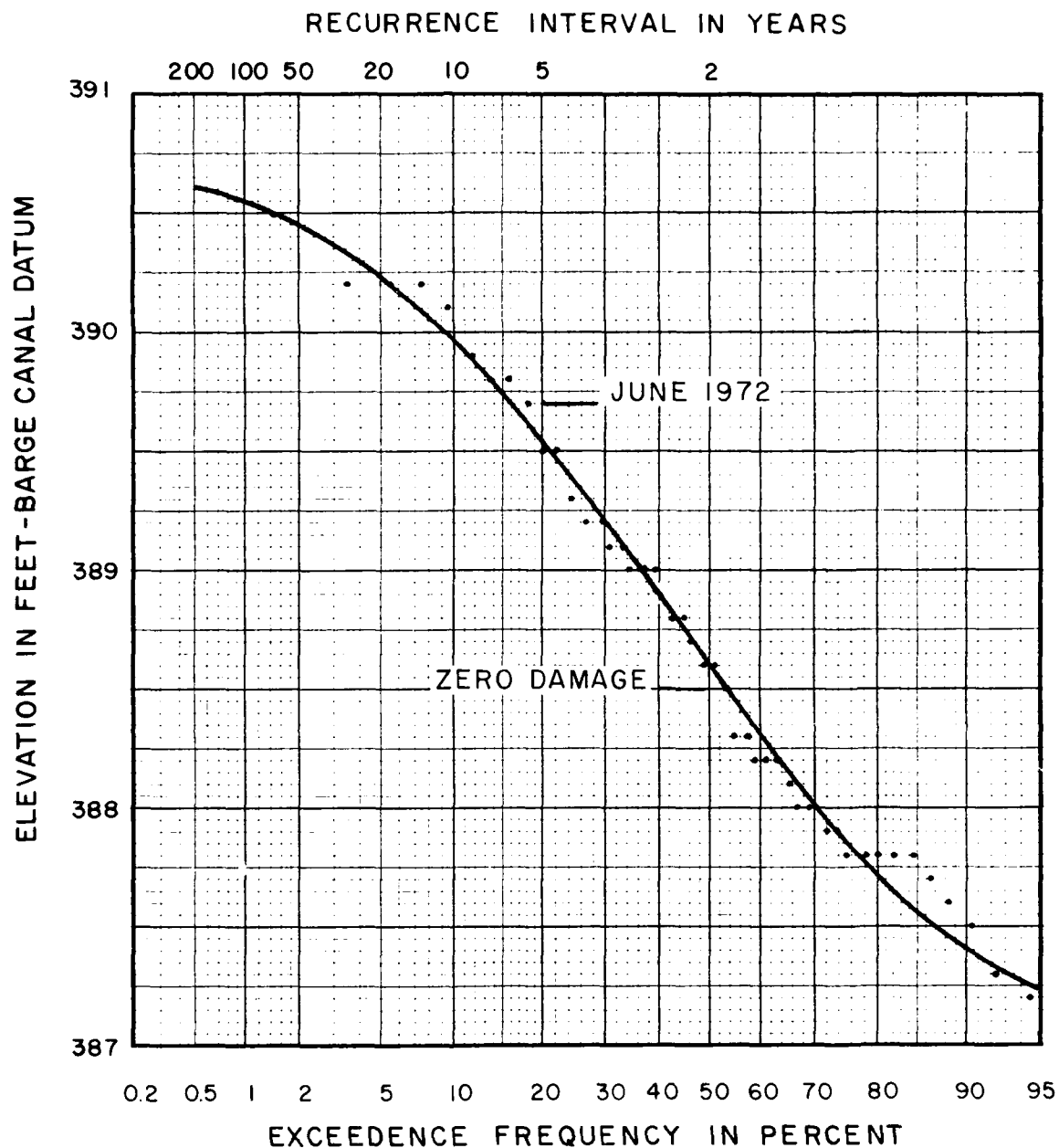
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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REACH 16  
CLYDE RIVER  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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**NOTES:**

P. O. R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS)  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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REACH 17  
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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973

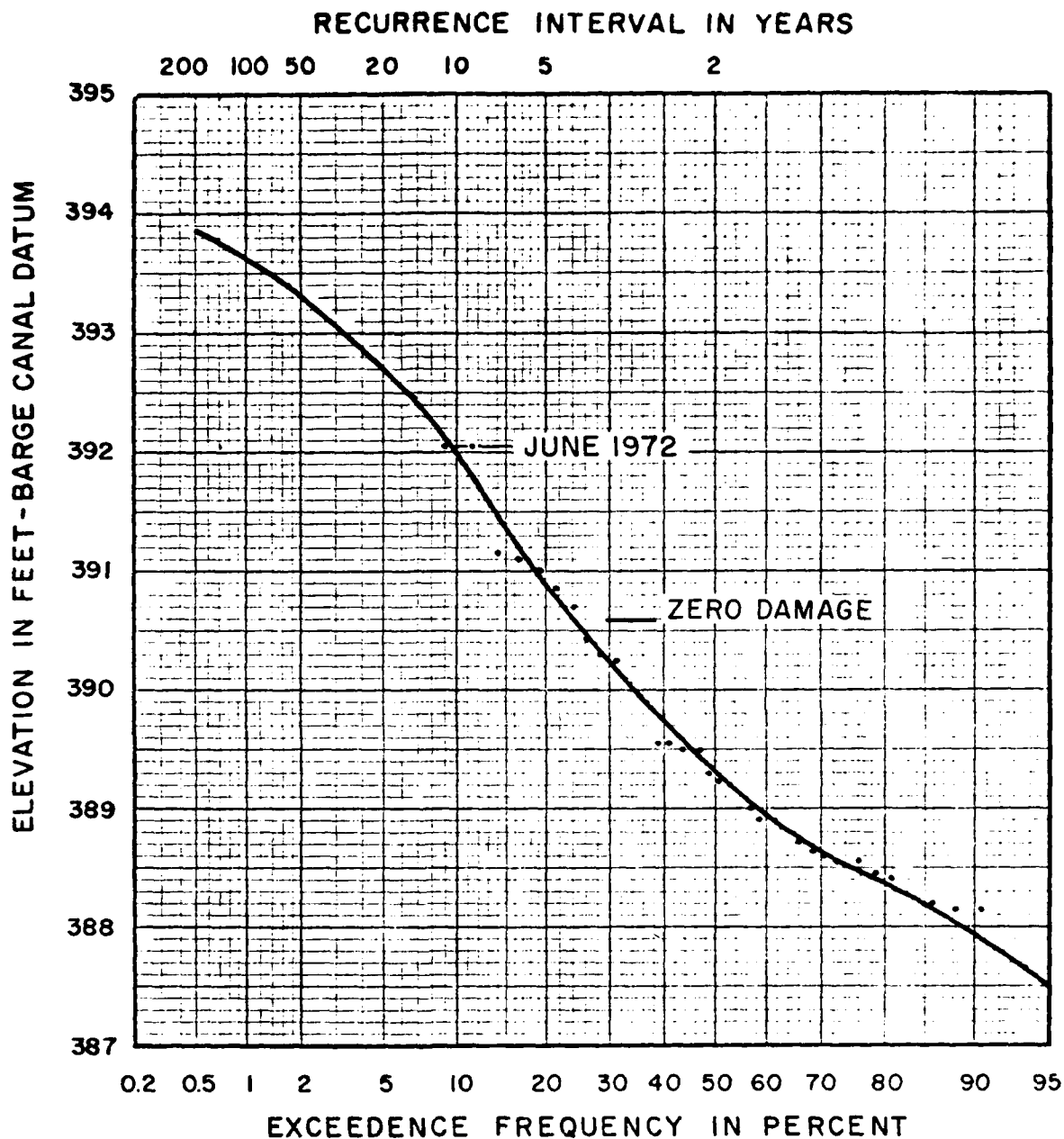


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P. O. R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).

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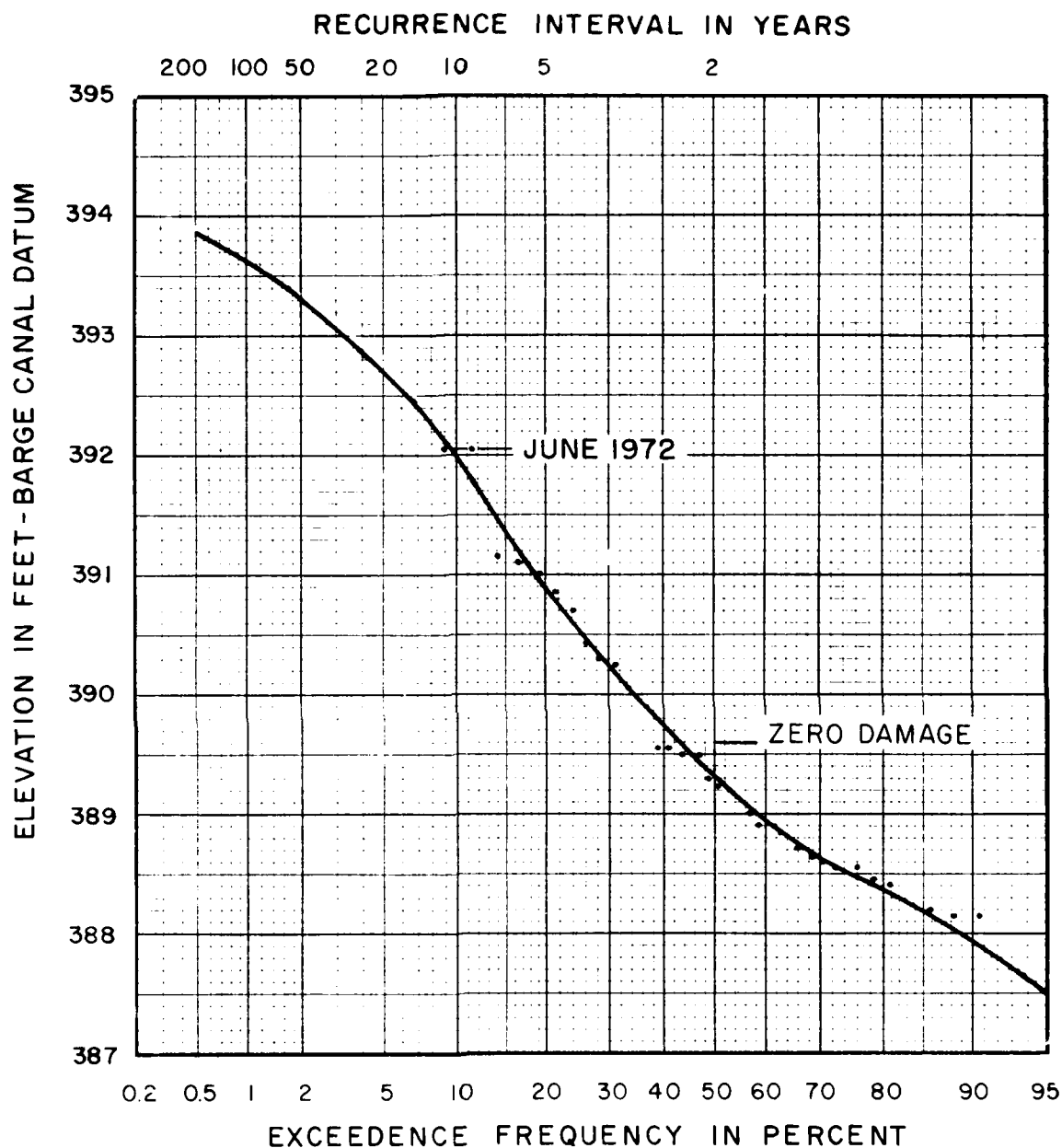
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH 18  
CLYDE RIVER AND BARGE CANAL  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS)  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

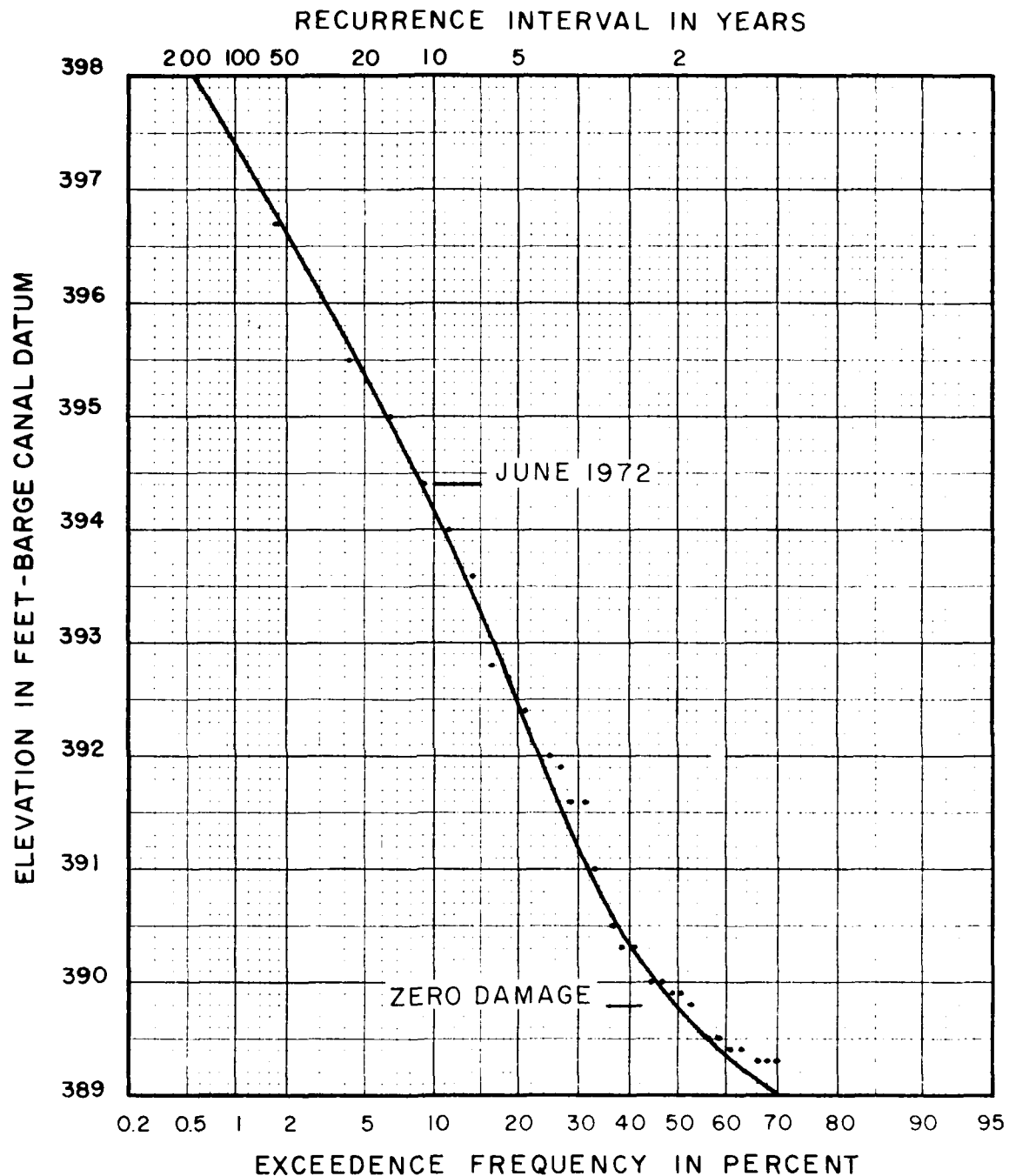
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH 19  
BARGE CANAL  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1925 - 1972 (48 YEARS)  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

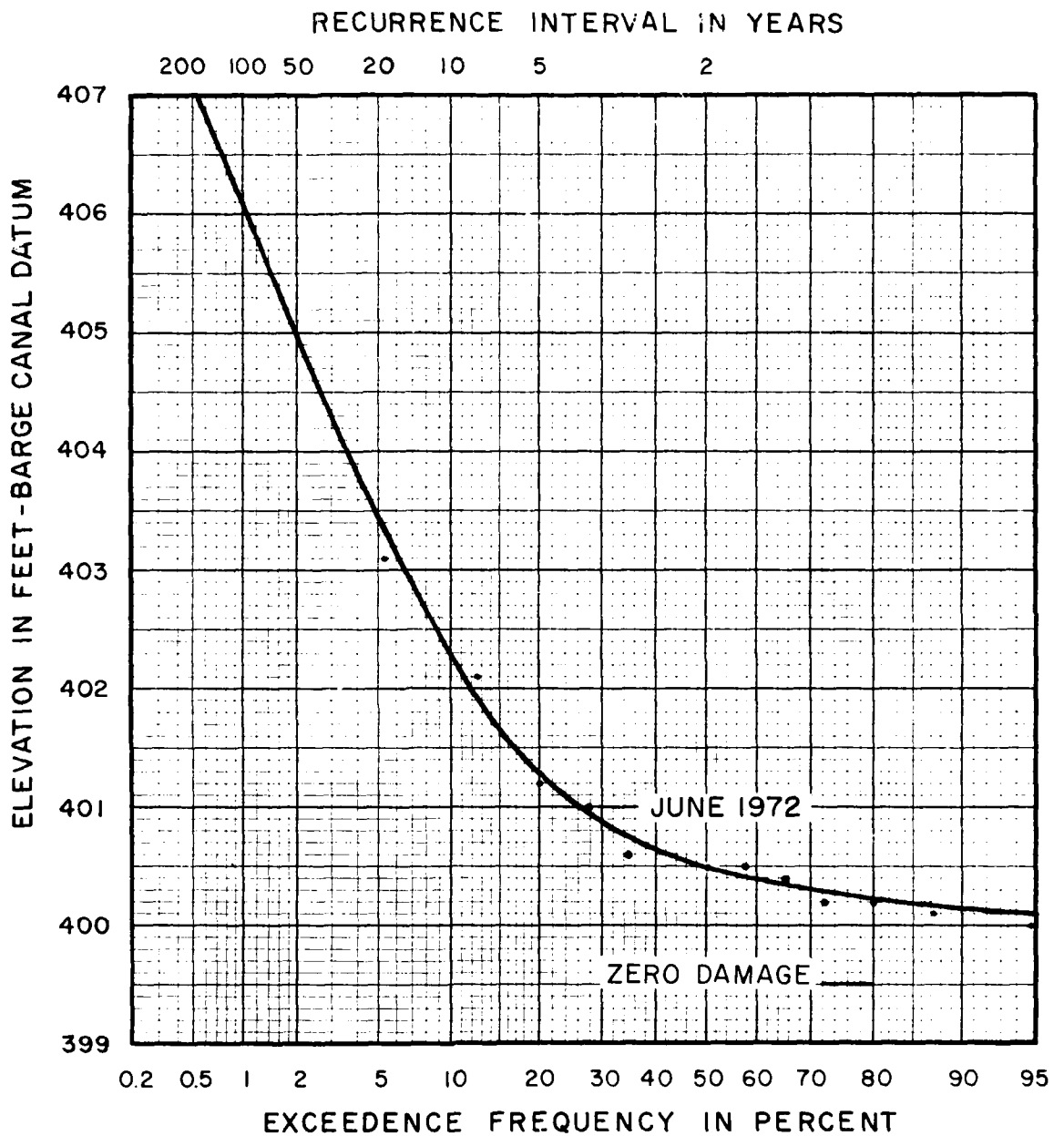
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**REACH 20**  
**CLYDE RIVER**  
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**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS).  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

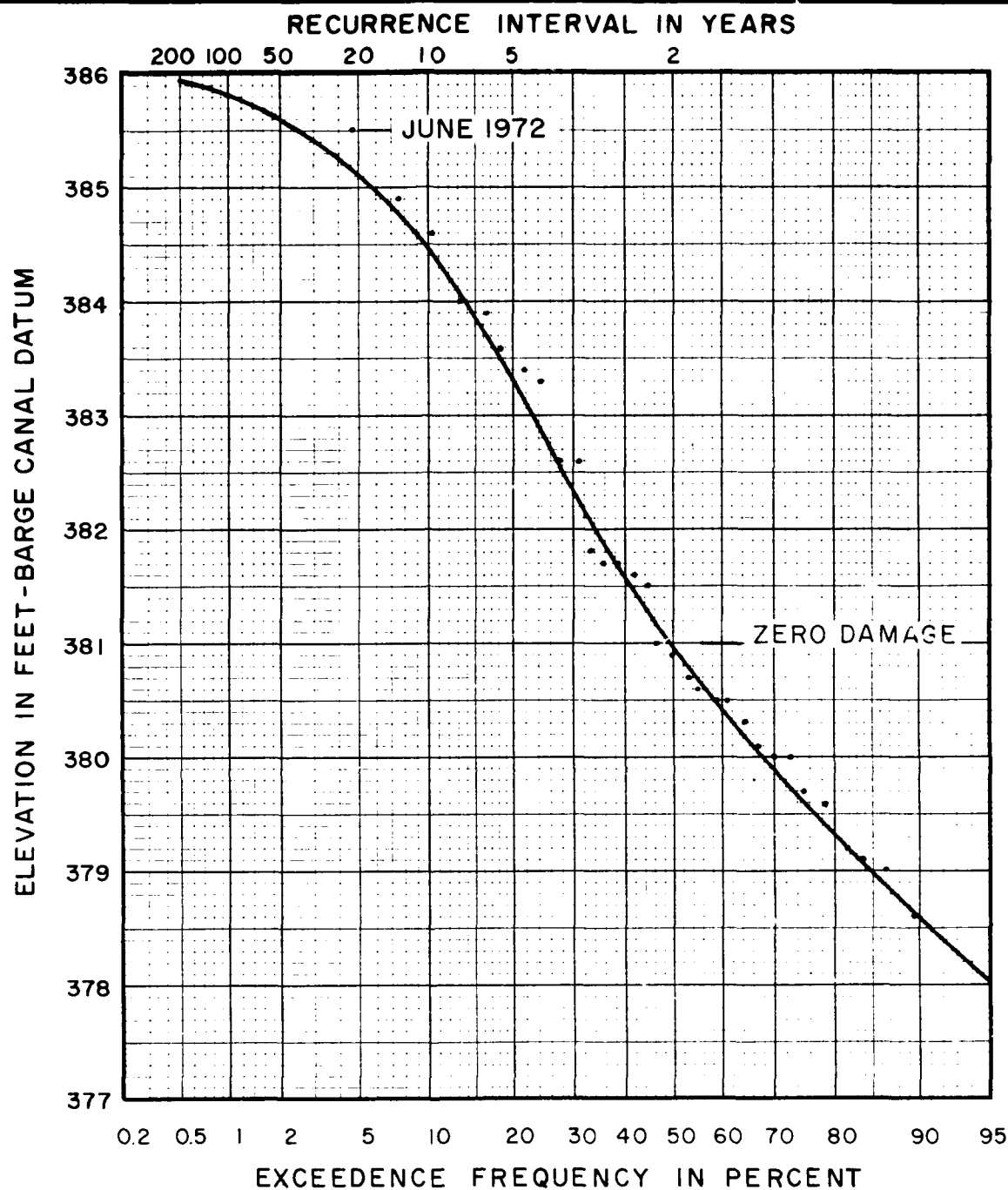
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH 21  
BARGE CANAL  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973



**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1925-1968 (44 YEARS)  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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**REACH 22**  
**GANARGUA CREEK**  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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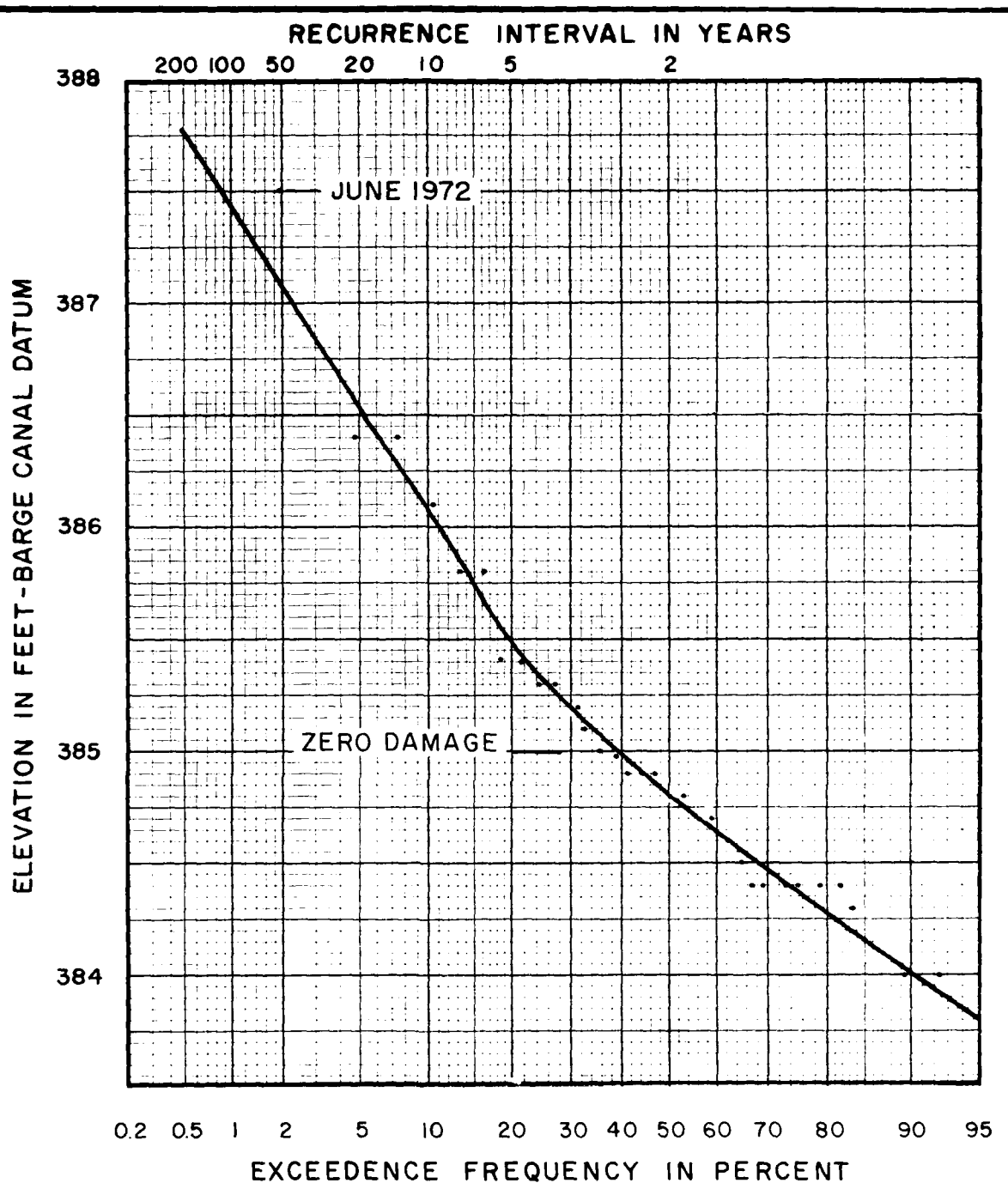


**NOTES:**

P.O.R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS)  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

REPORT OF FLOOD  
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
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REACH 26  
CAYUGA-SENECA CANAL  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
AUGUST 1973

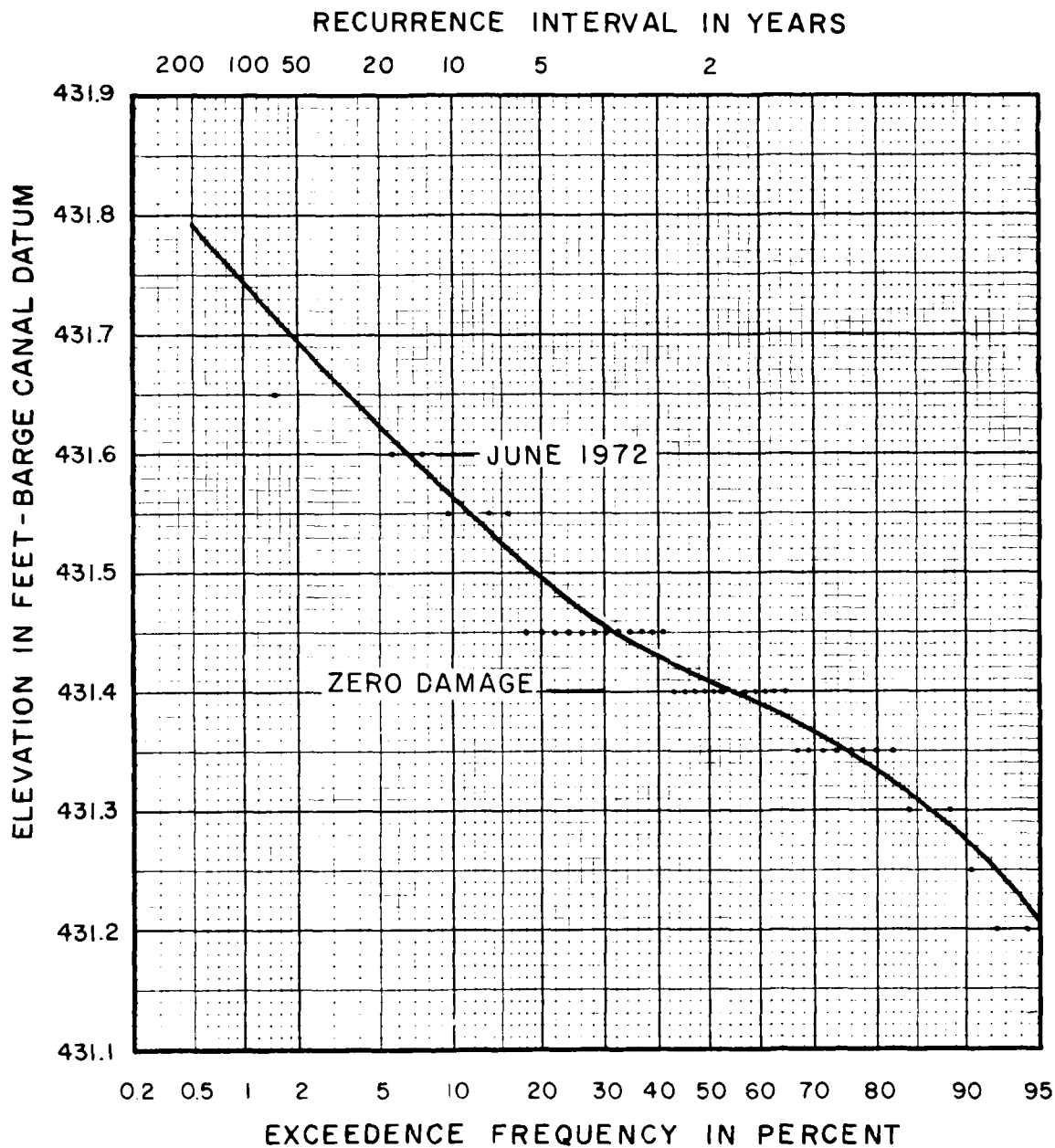




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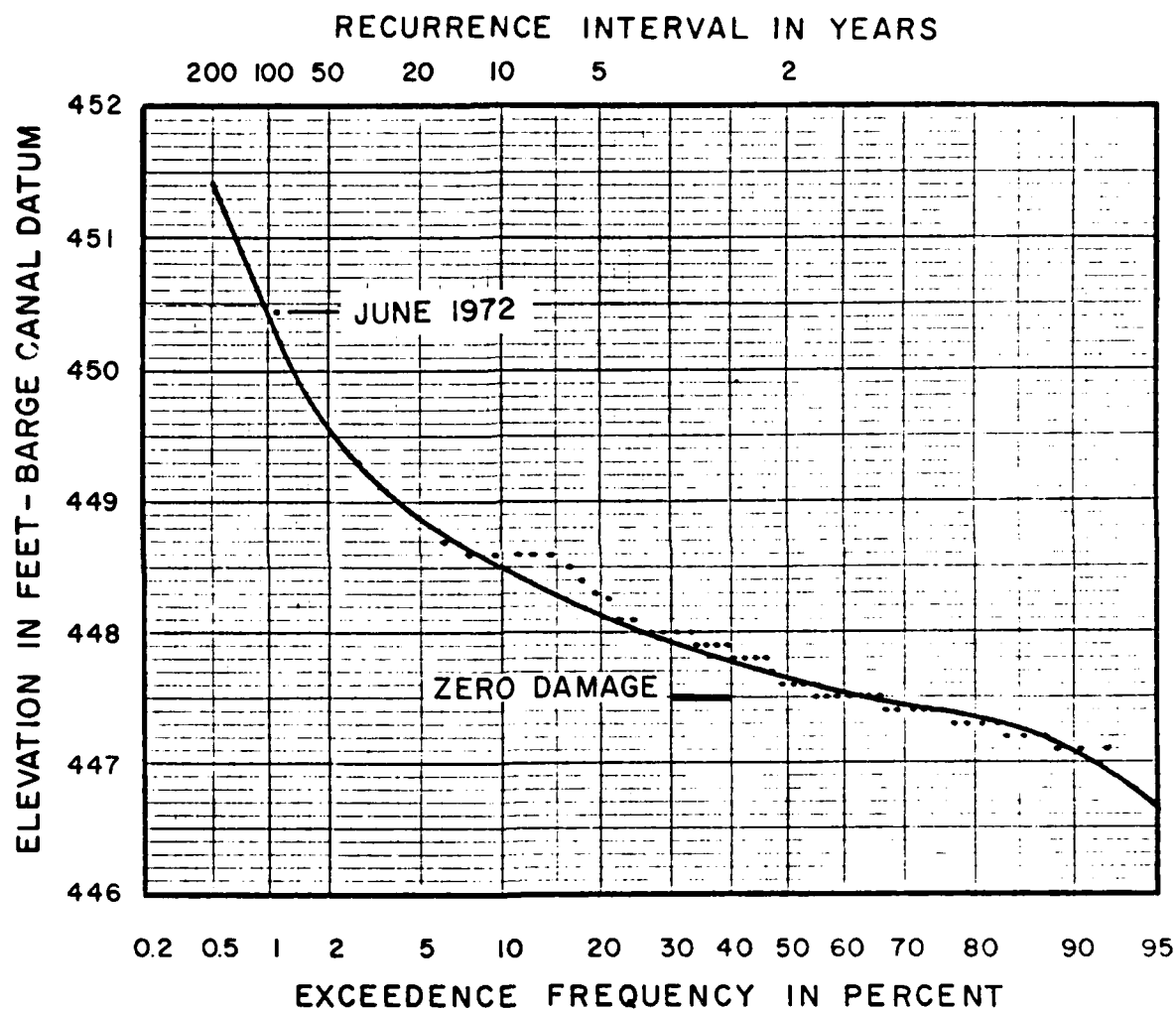
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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
REACH 27  
CAYUGA-SENECA CANAL  
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**NOTES:**

P. O. R. 1925-1972 (48 YEARS)  
DOTS INDICATE PLOTTING POINTS.

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OSWEGO RIVER BASIN  
**STAGE-FREQUENCY CURVE**  
**REACH 28**  
**CAYUGA-SENECA CANAL**  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, BUFFALO  
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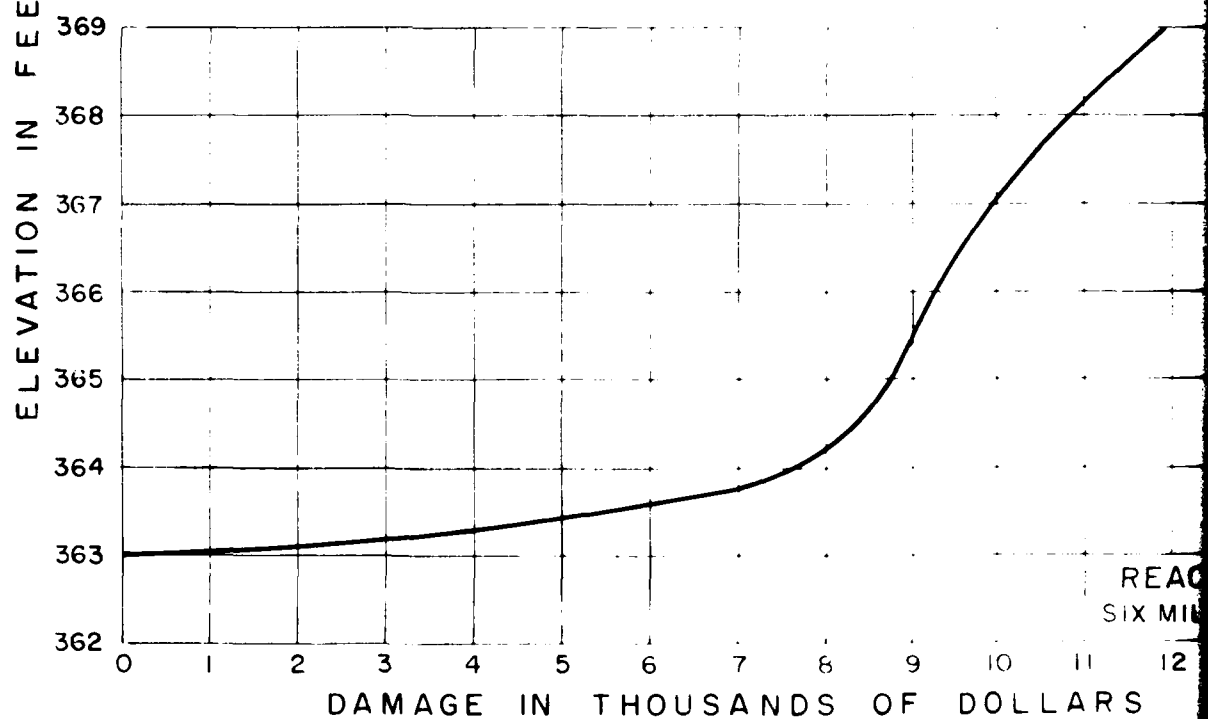
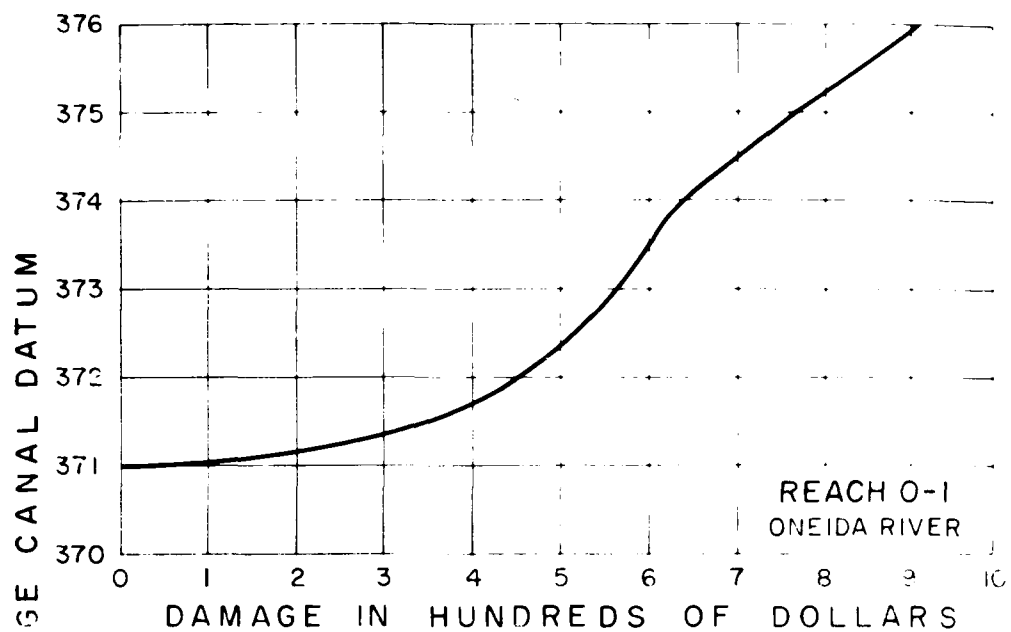
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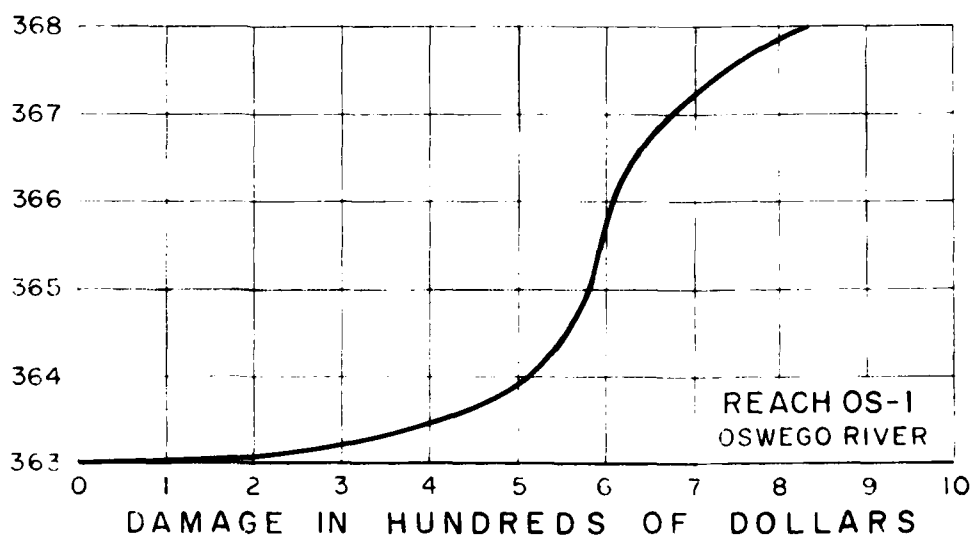
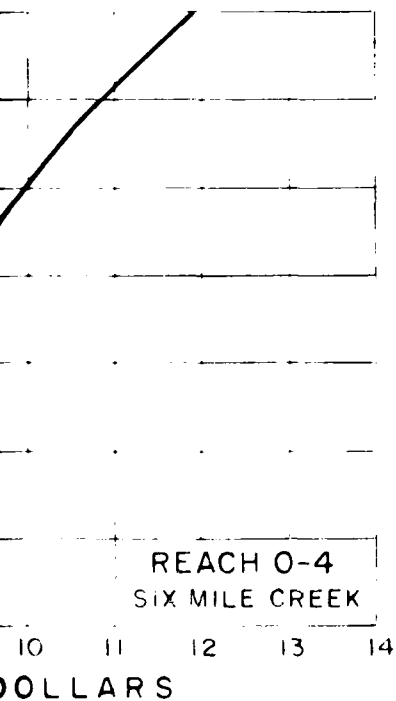
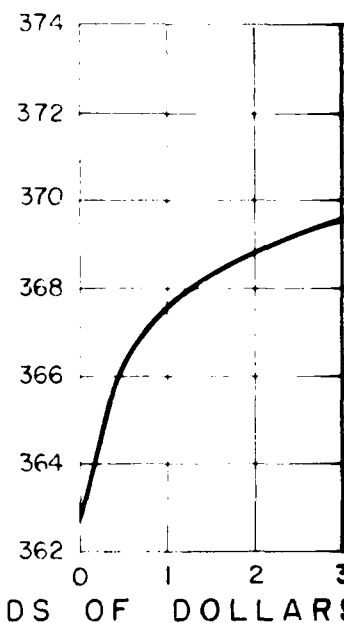
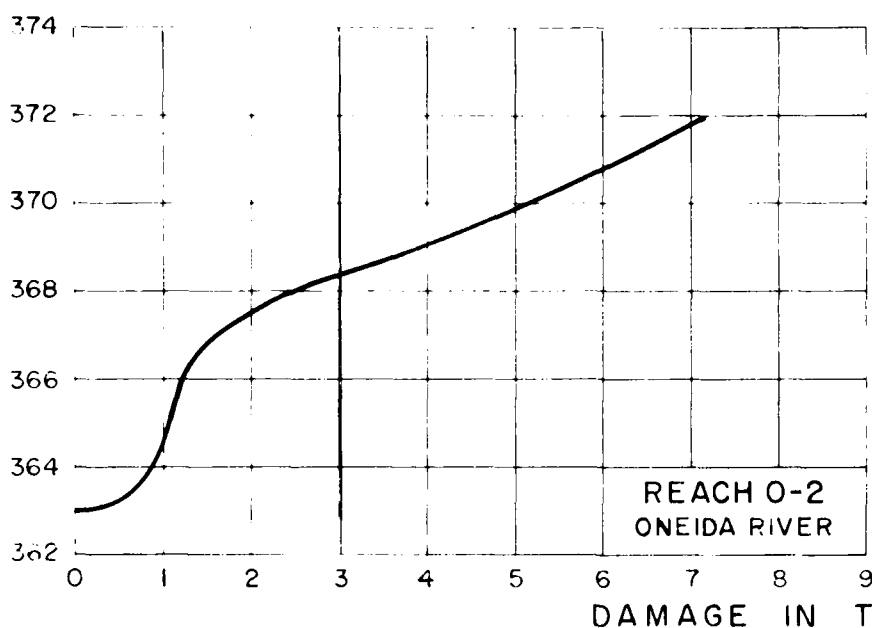
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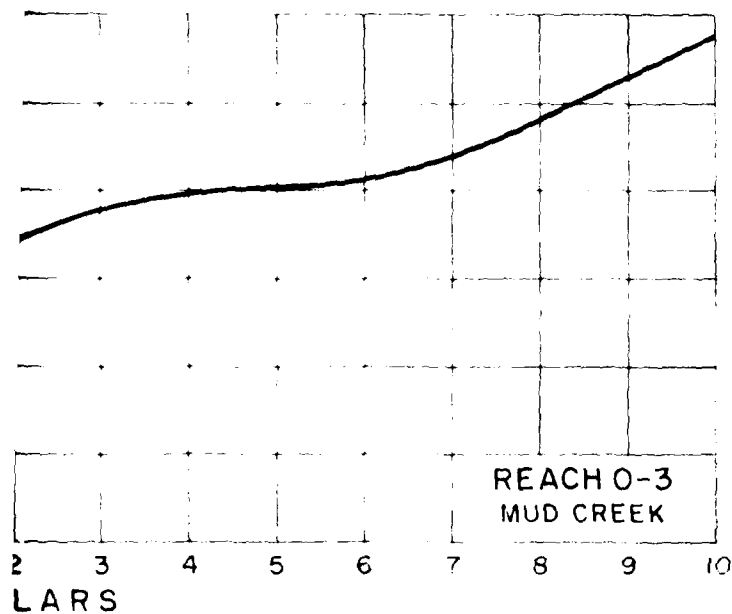
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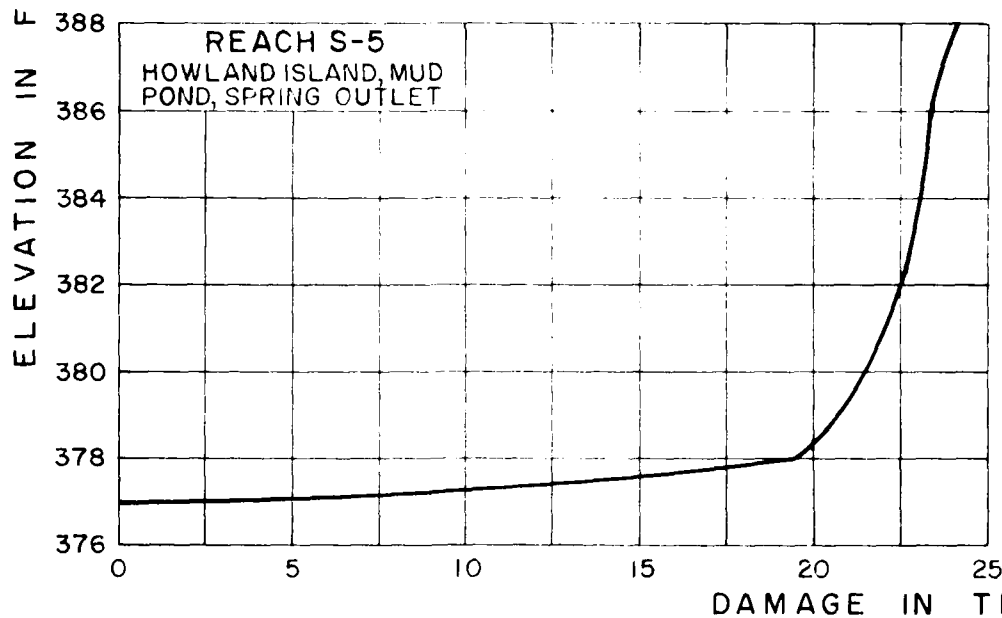
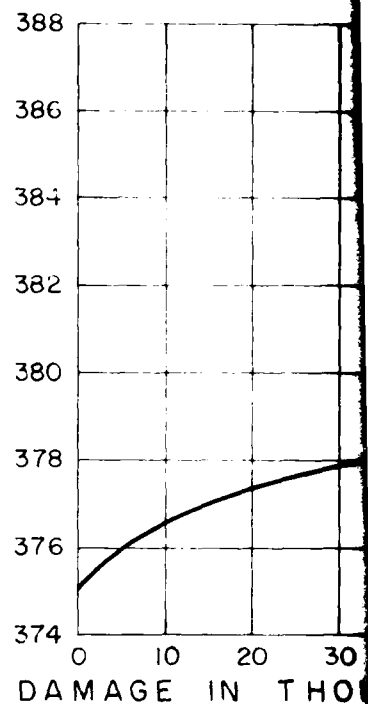
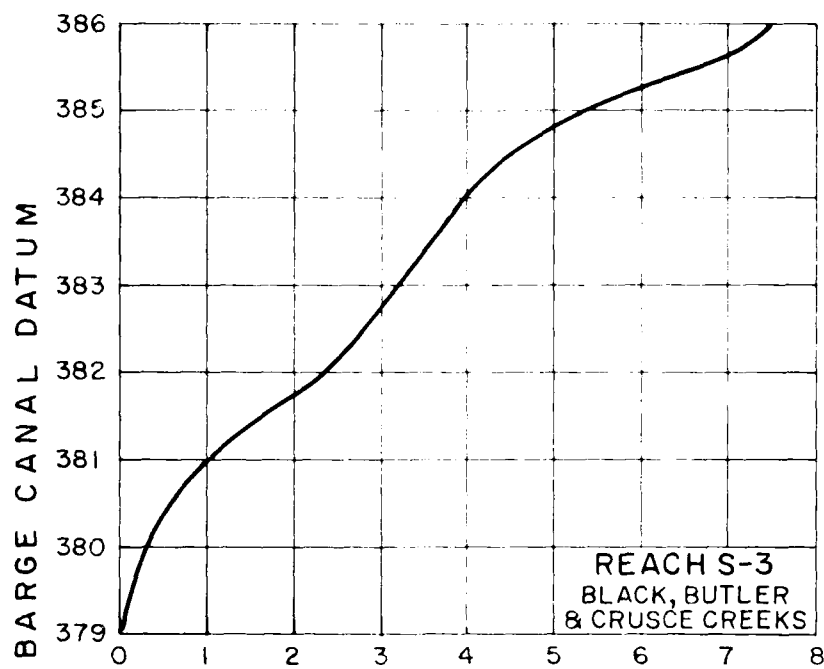
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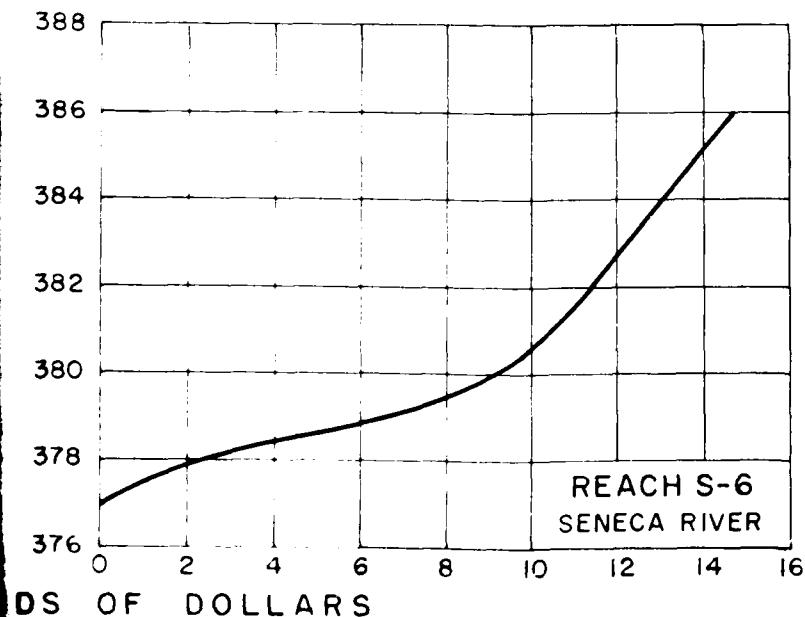
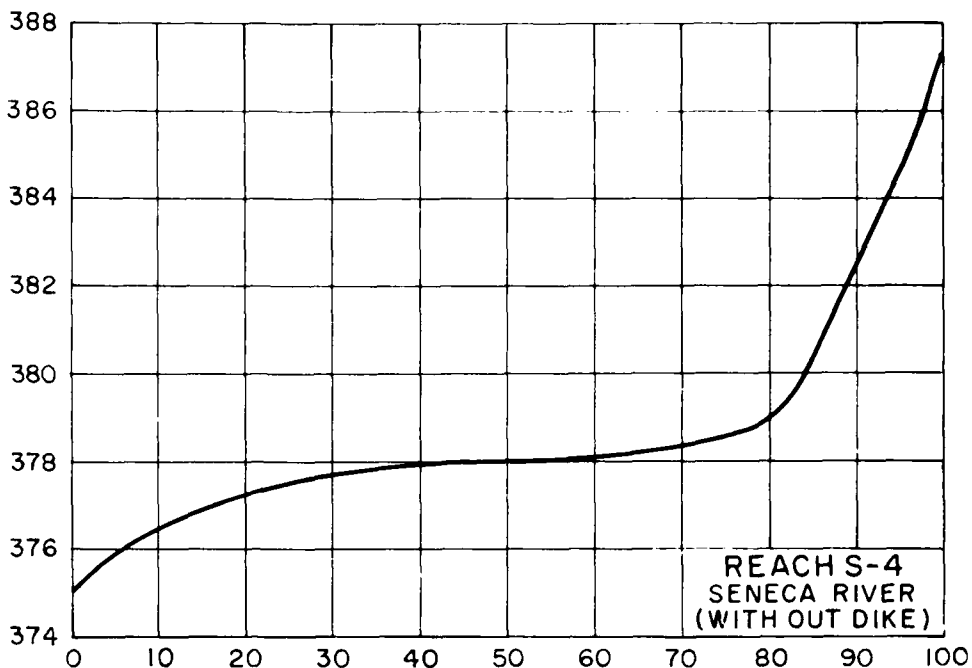
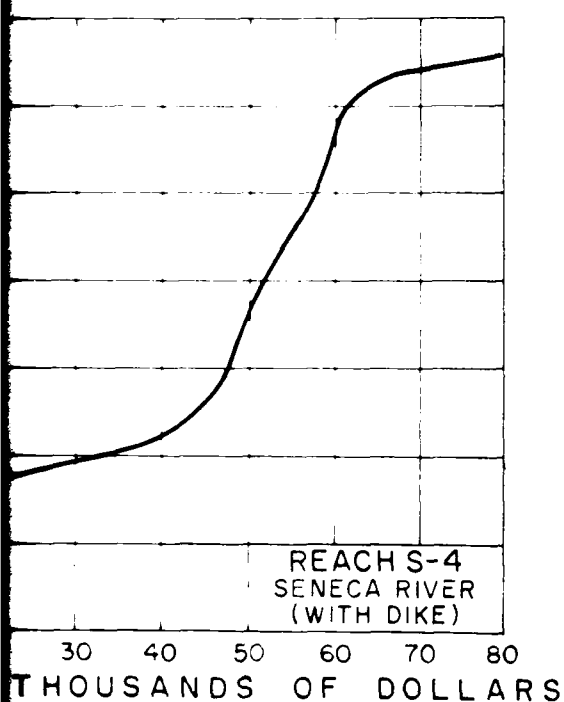
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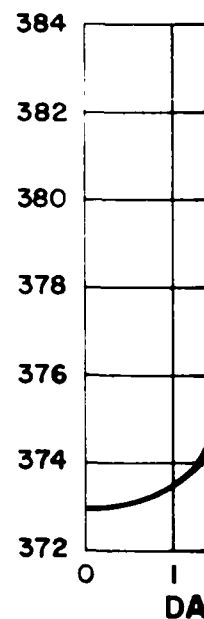
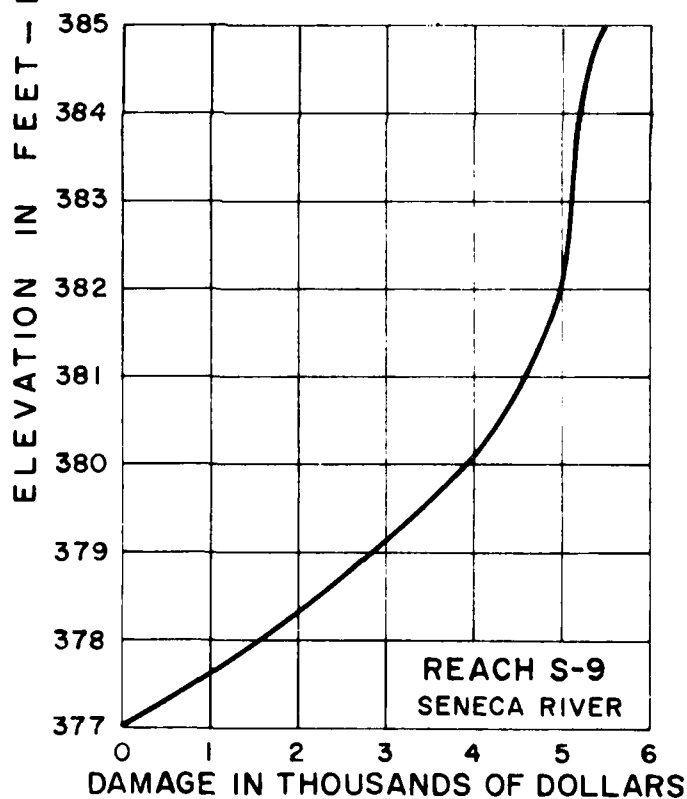
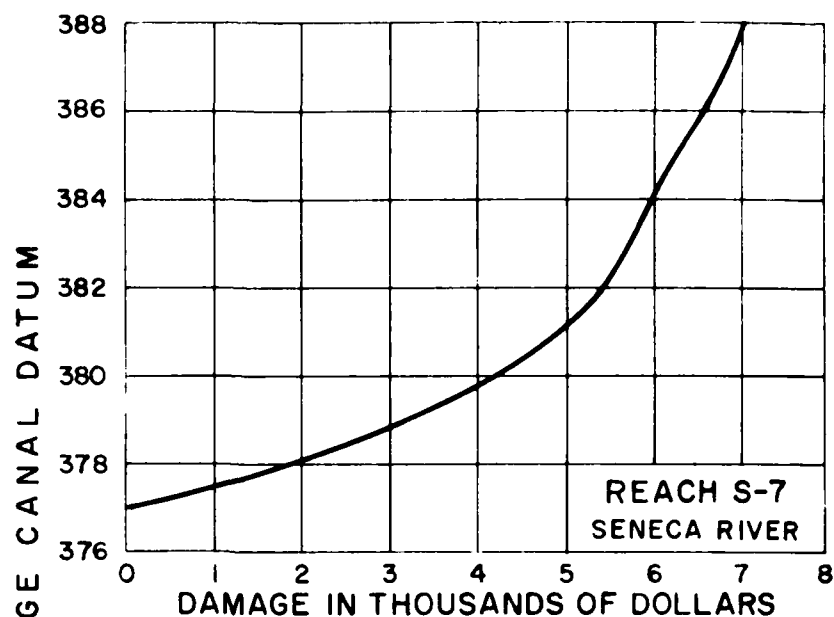
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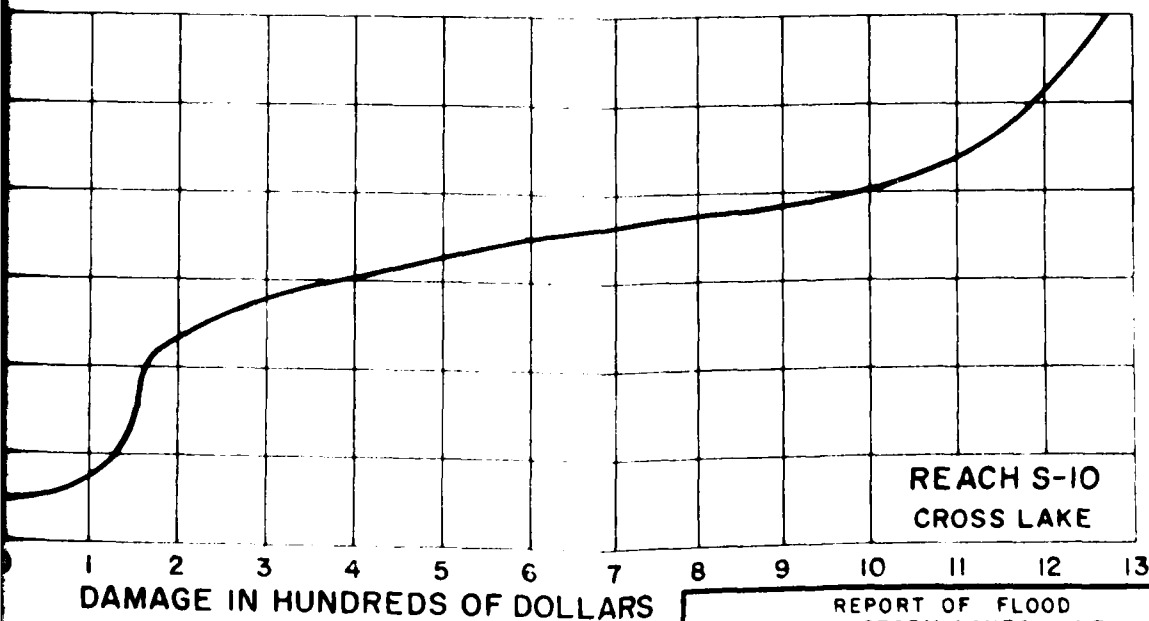
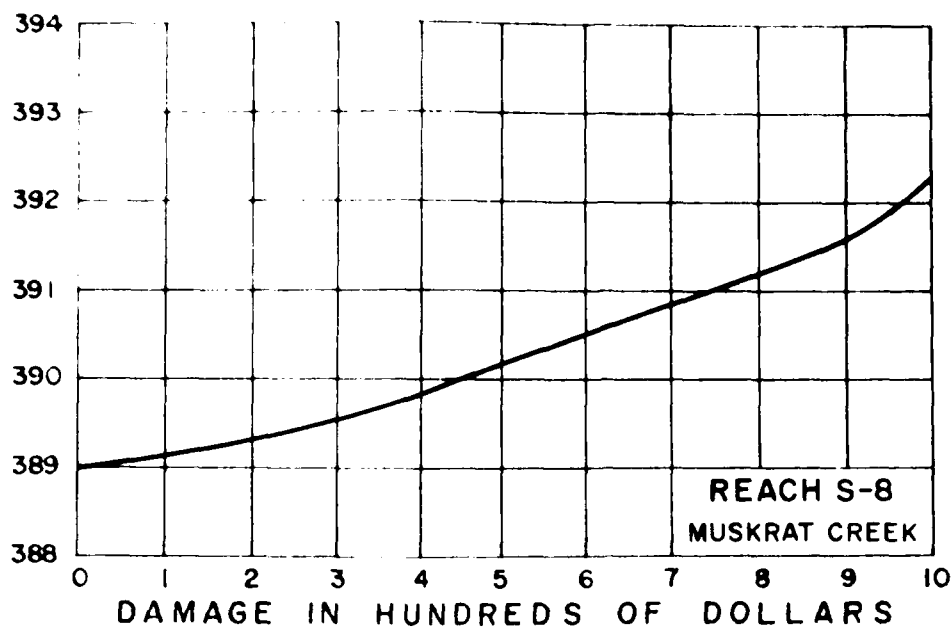
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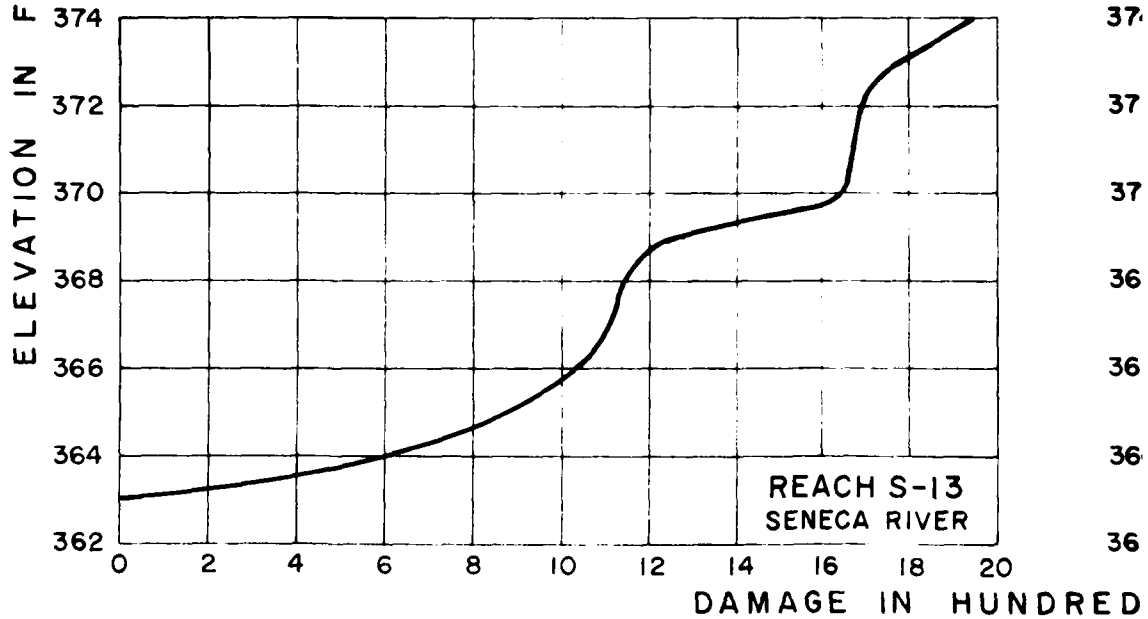
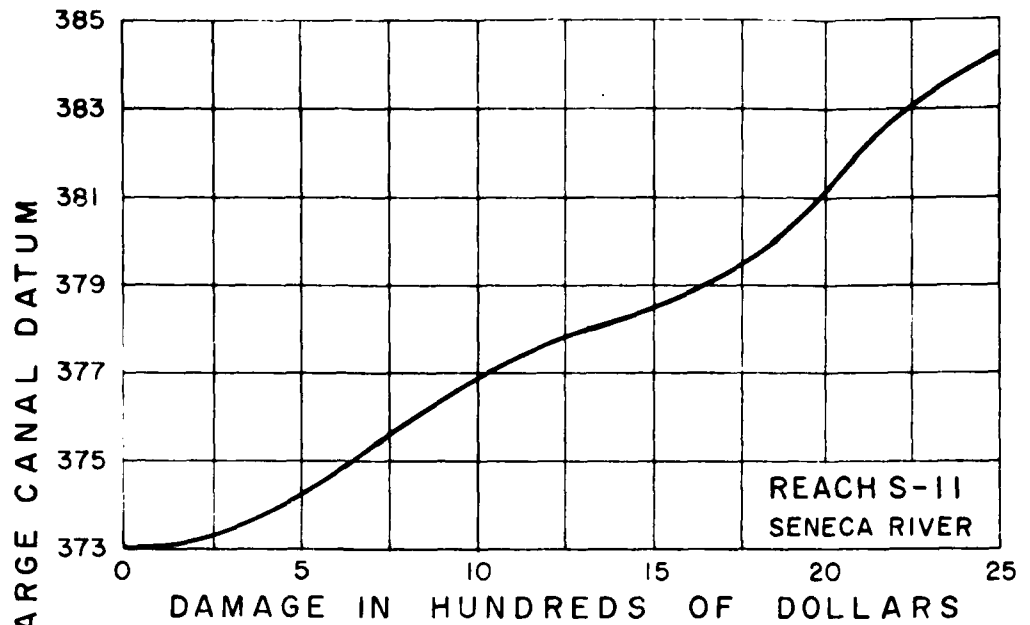
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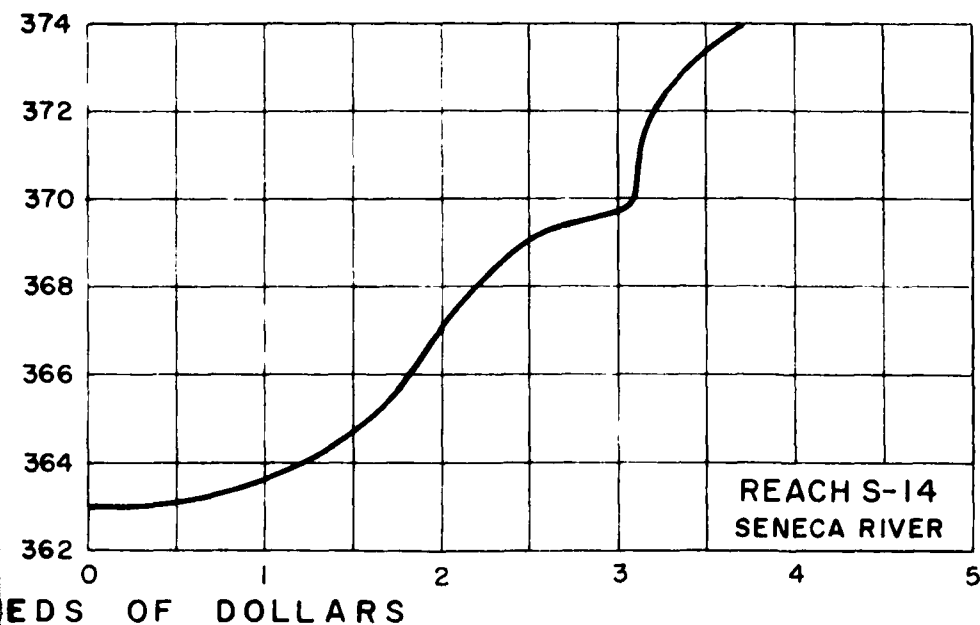
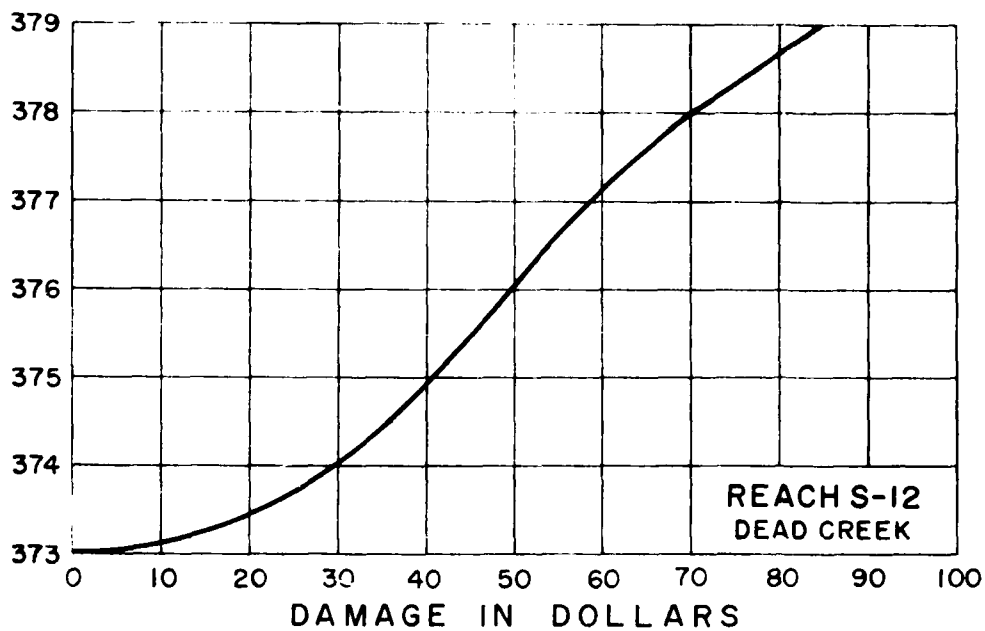
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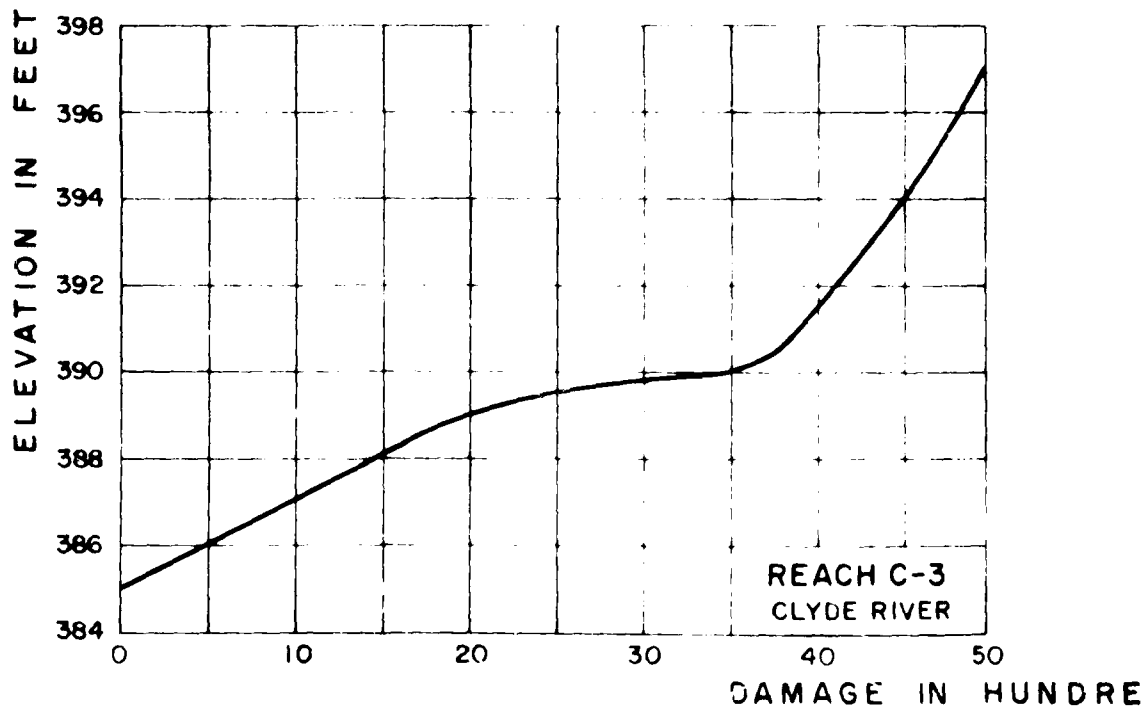
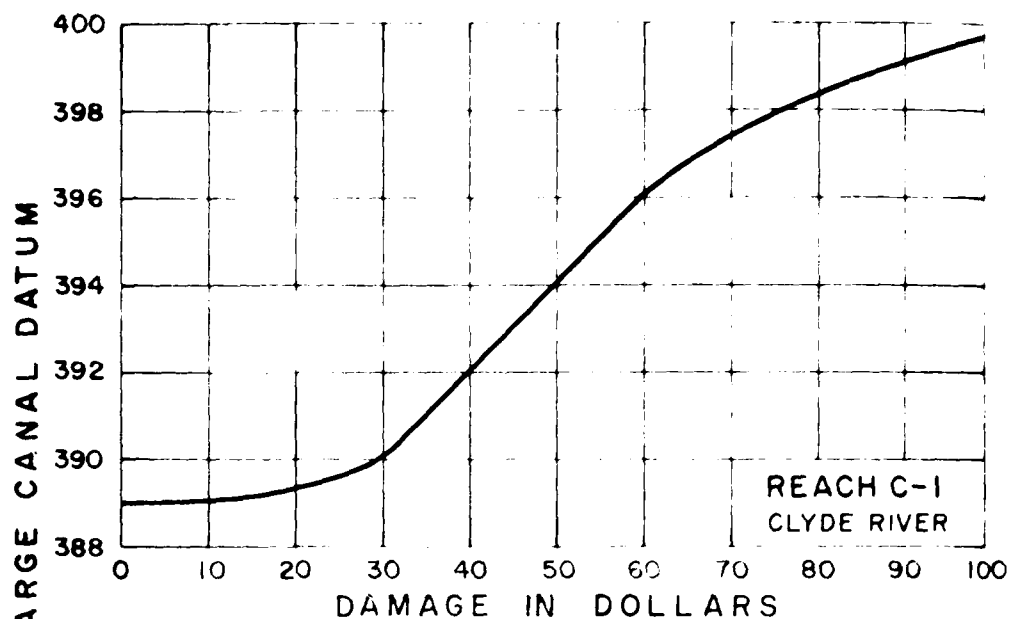
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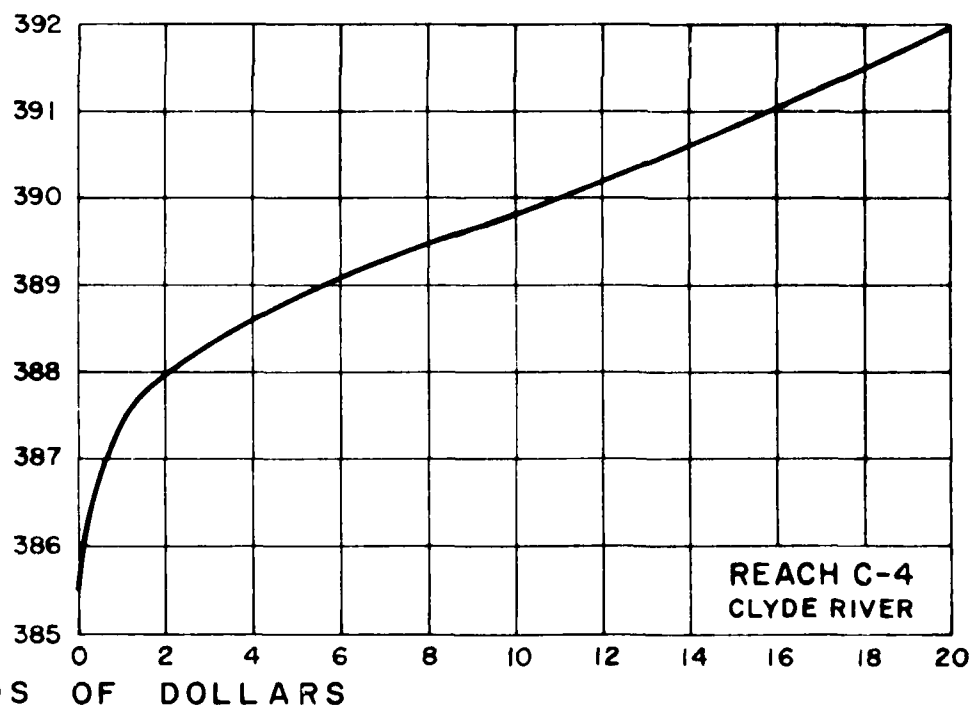
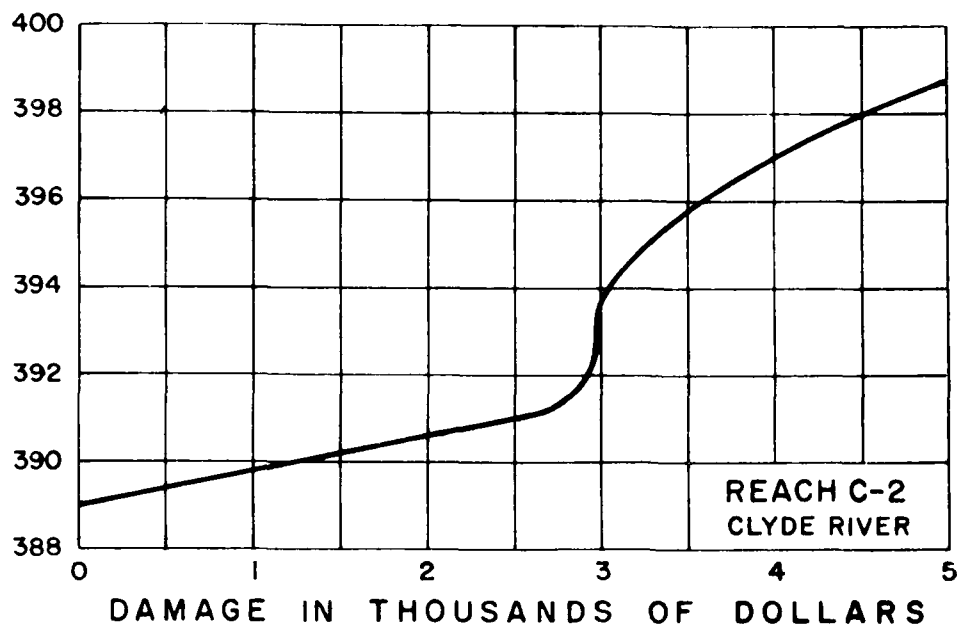
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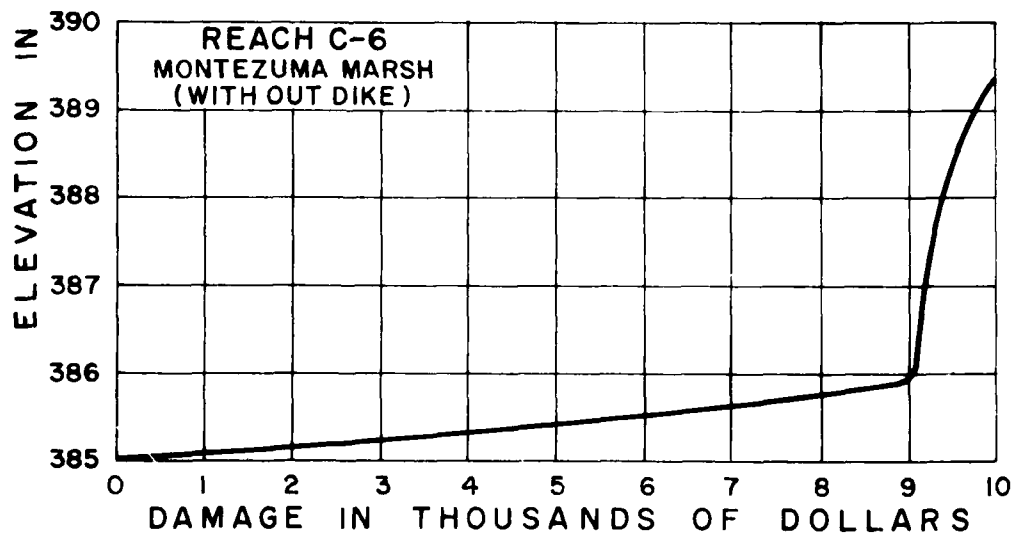
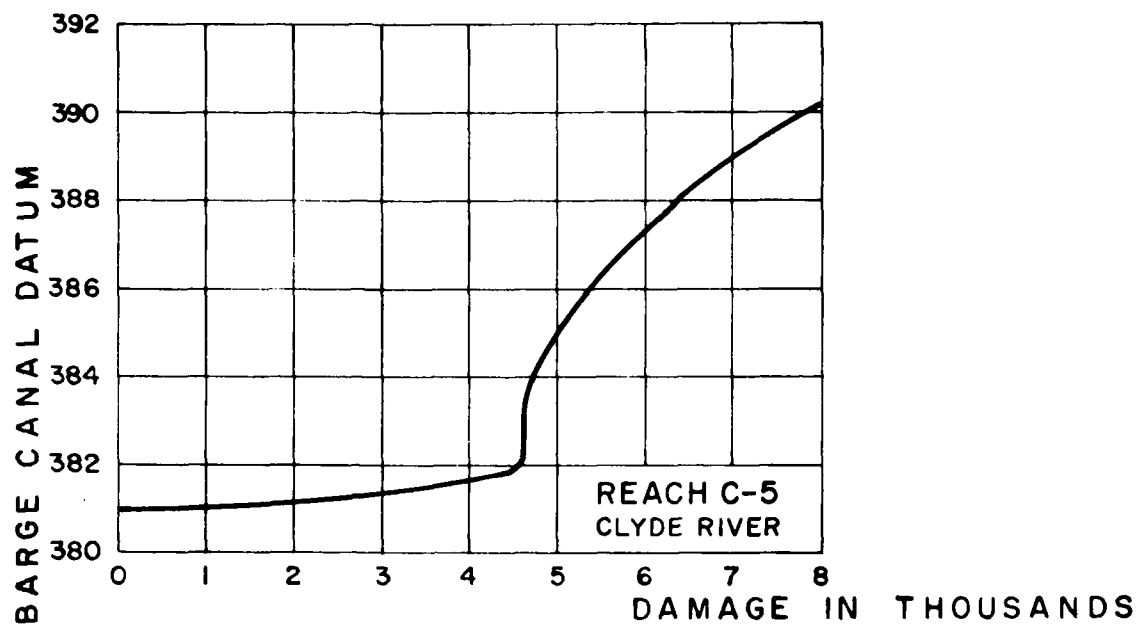
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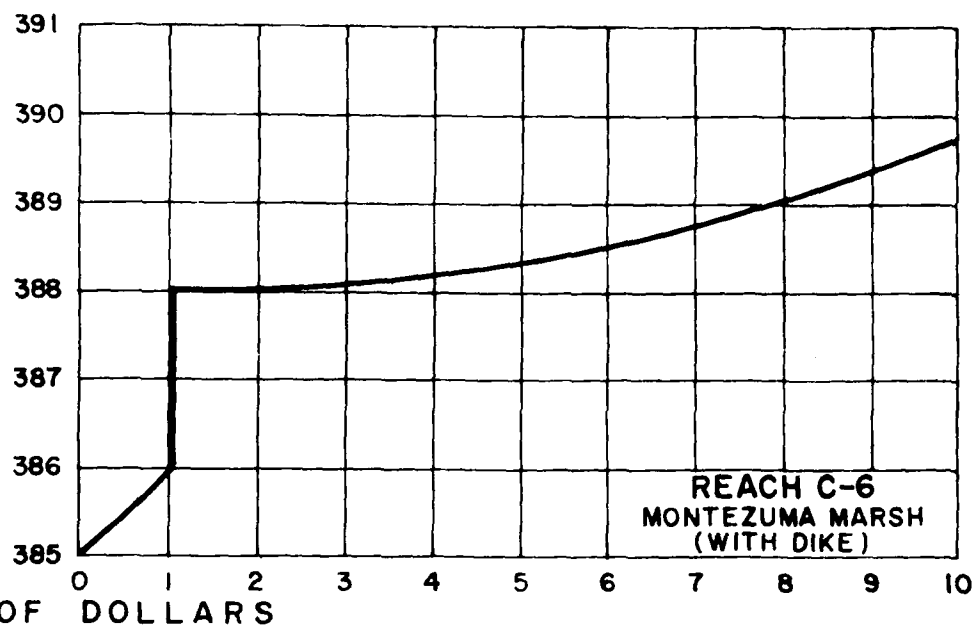
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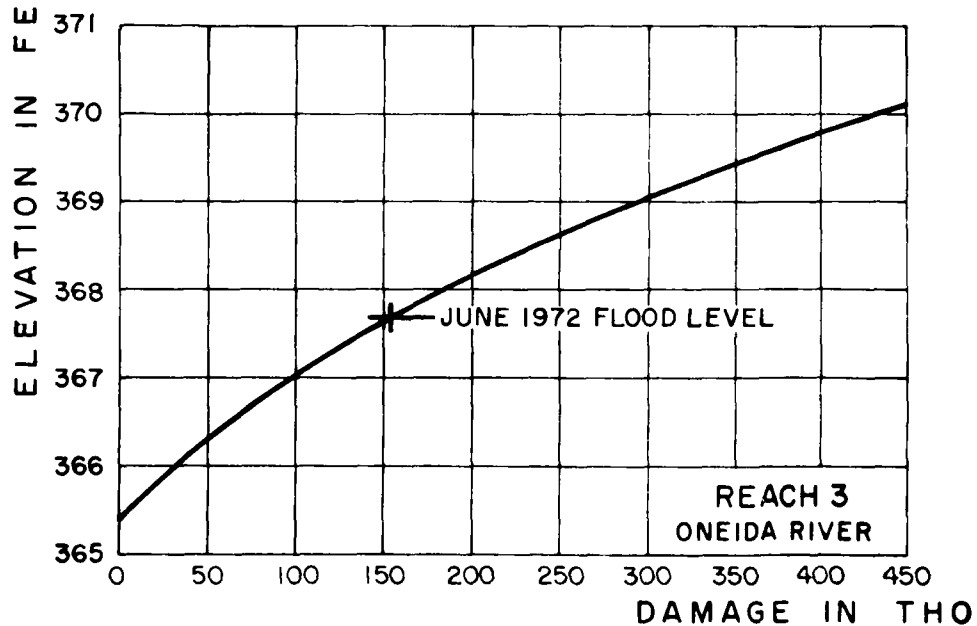
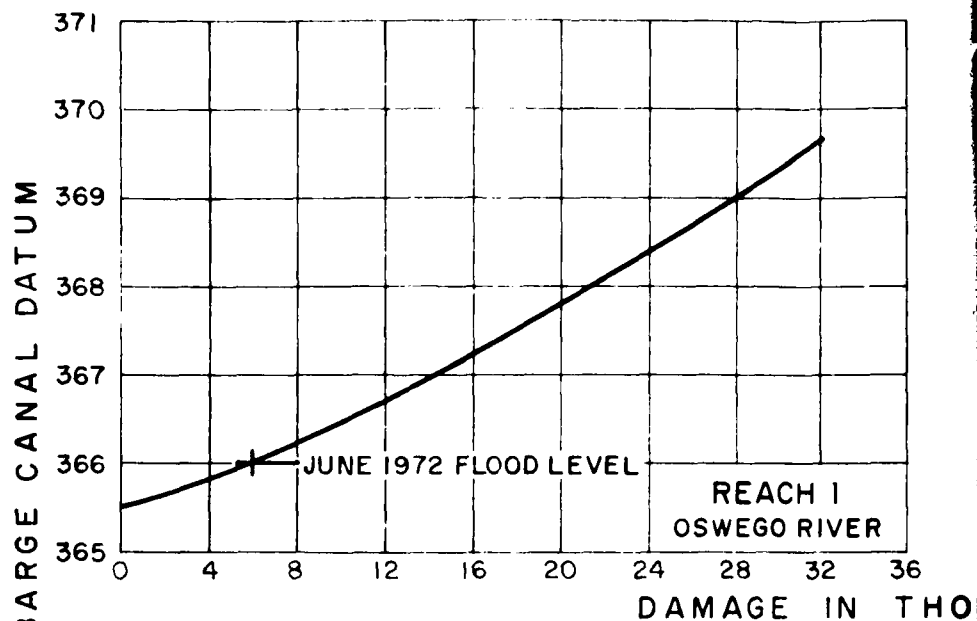
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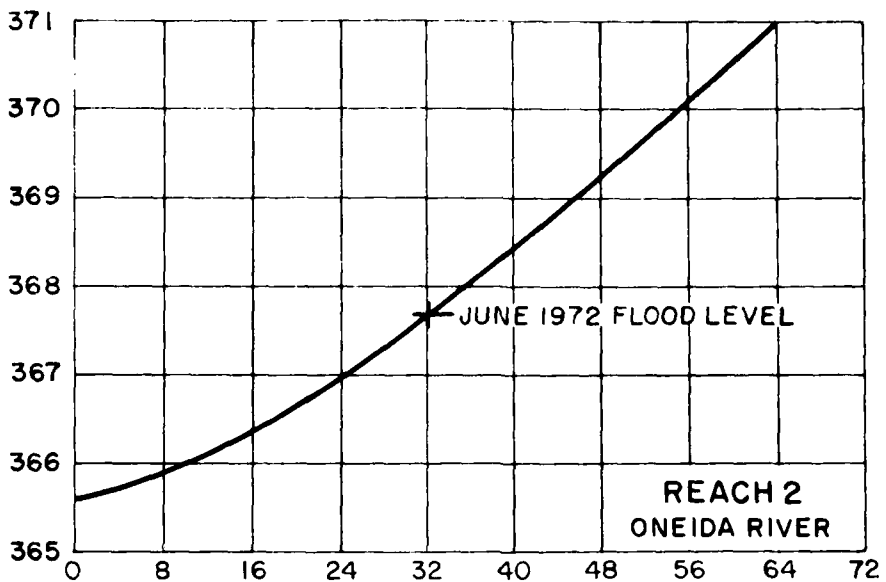
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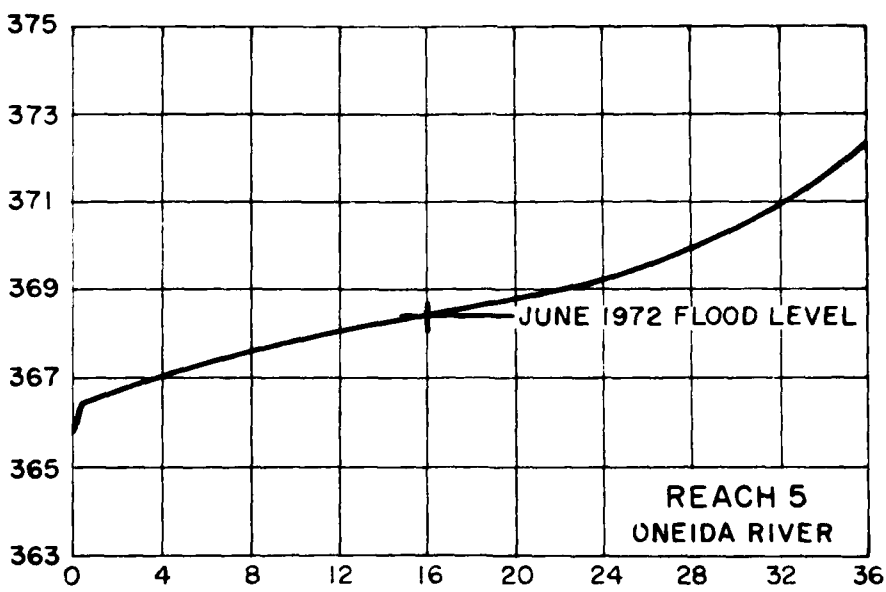
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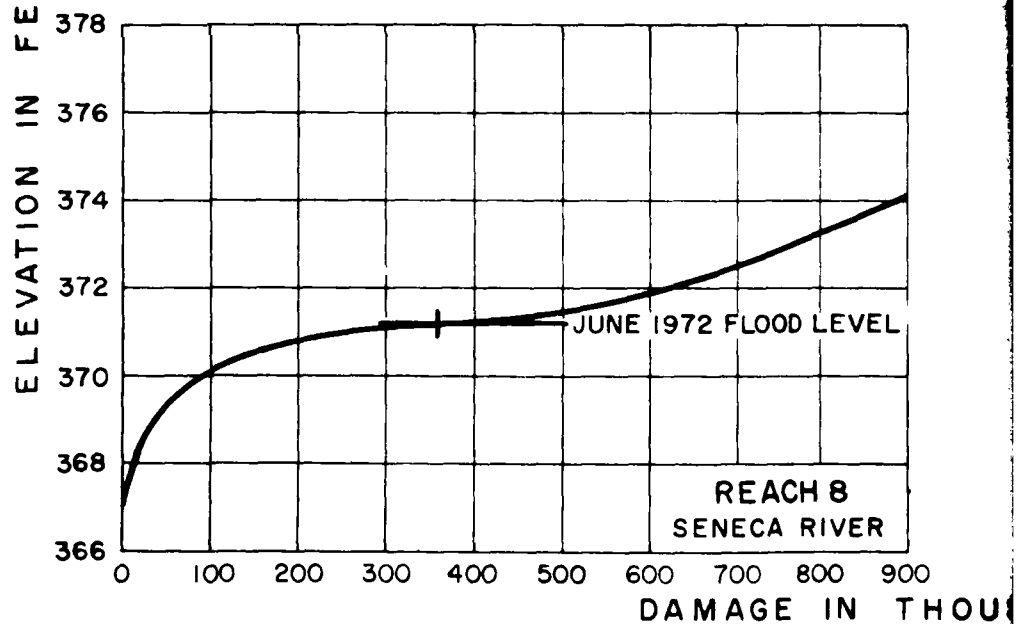
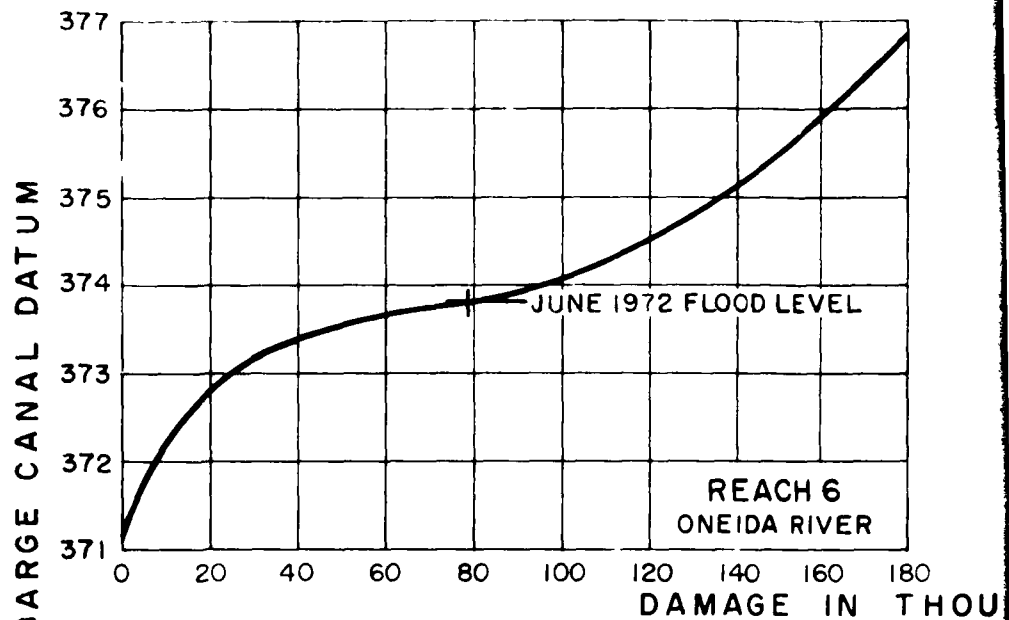
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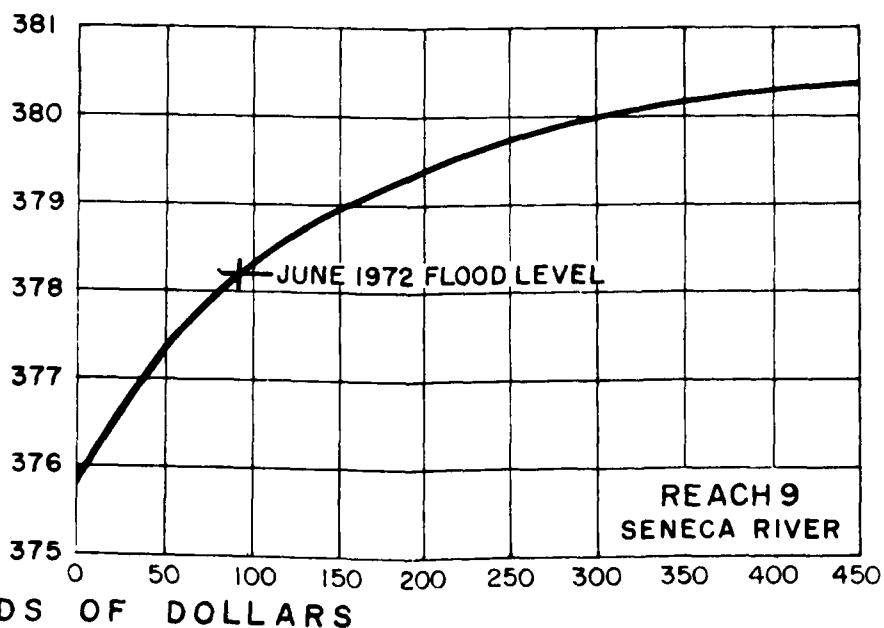
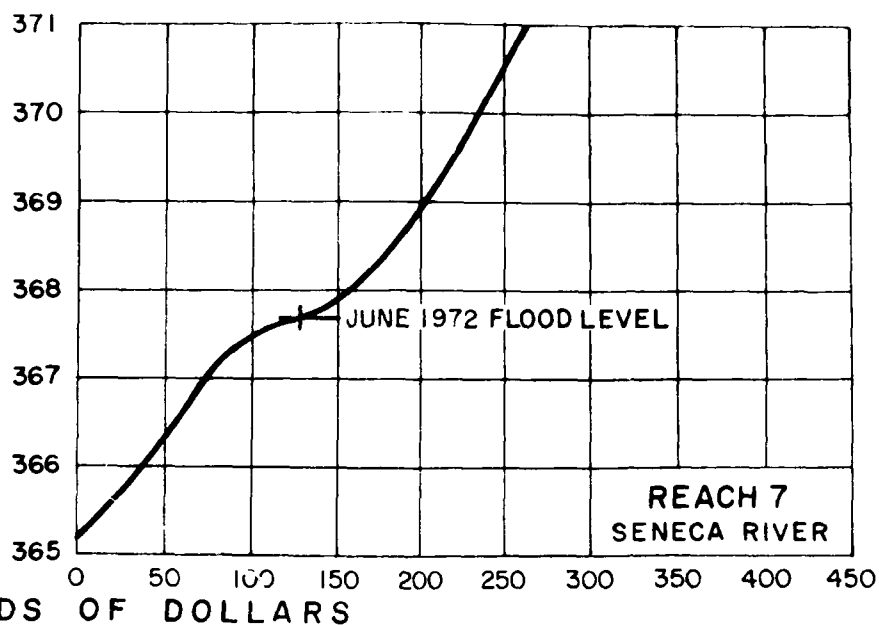
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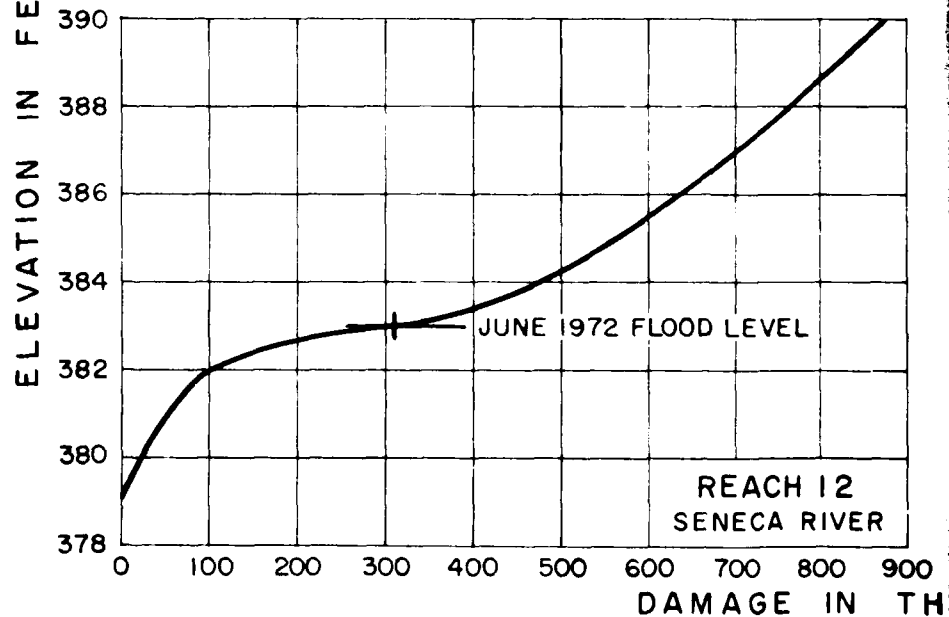
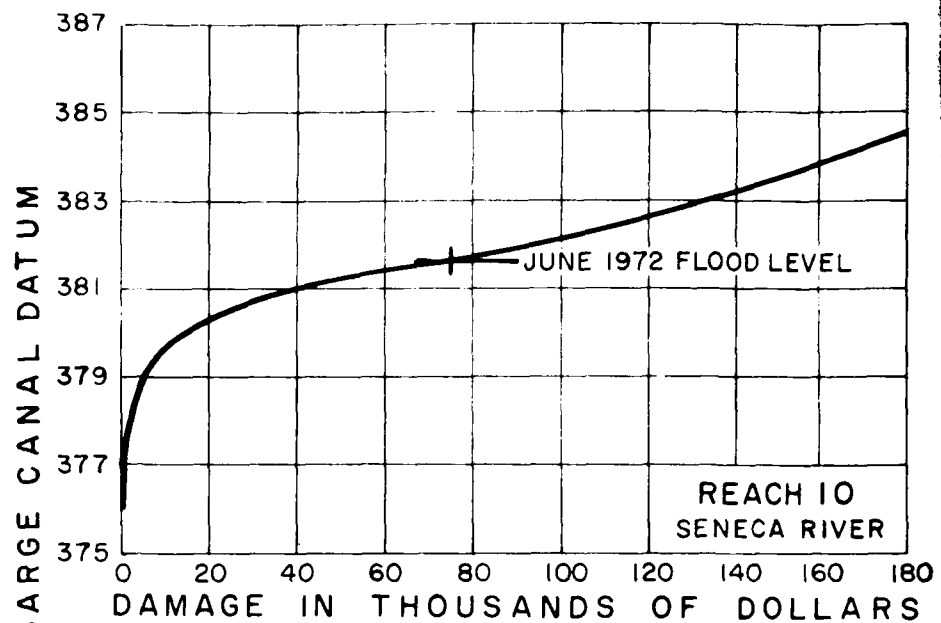
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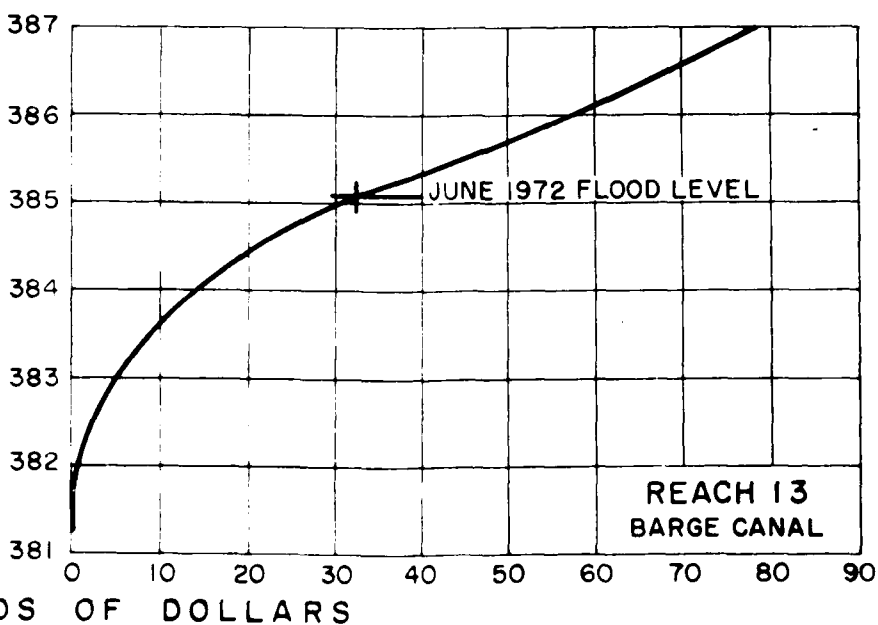
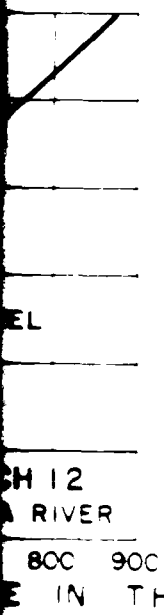
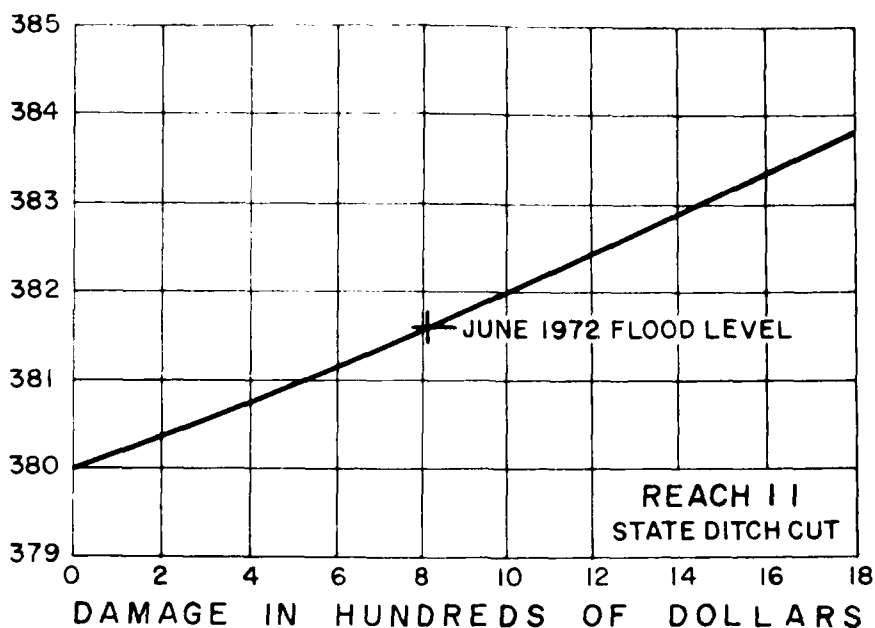
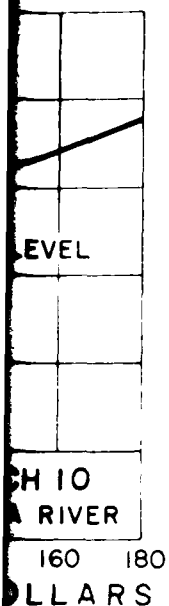
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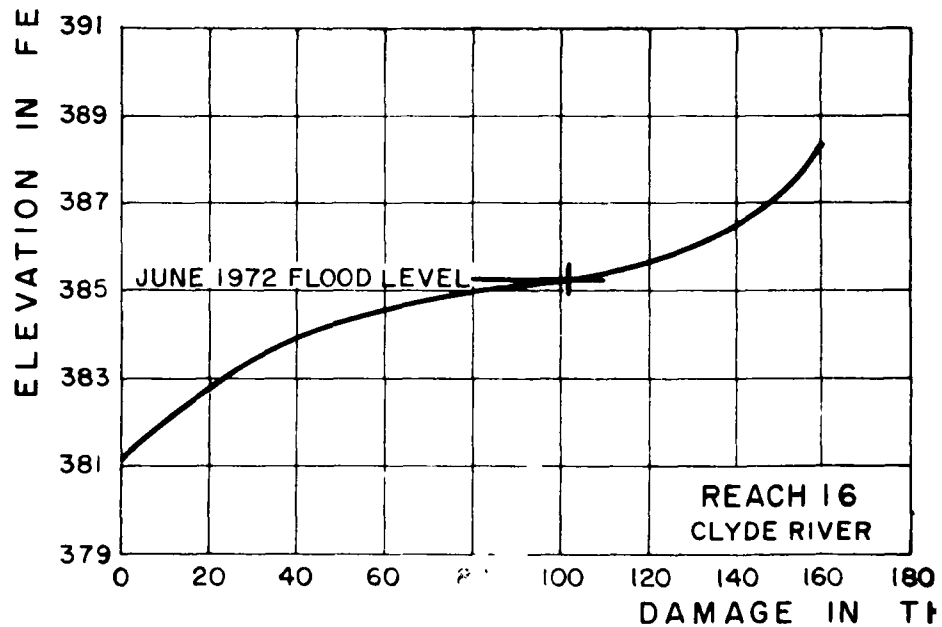
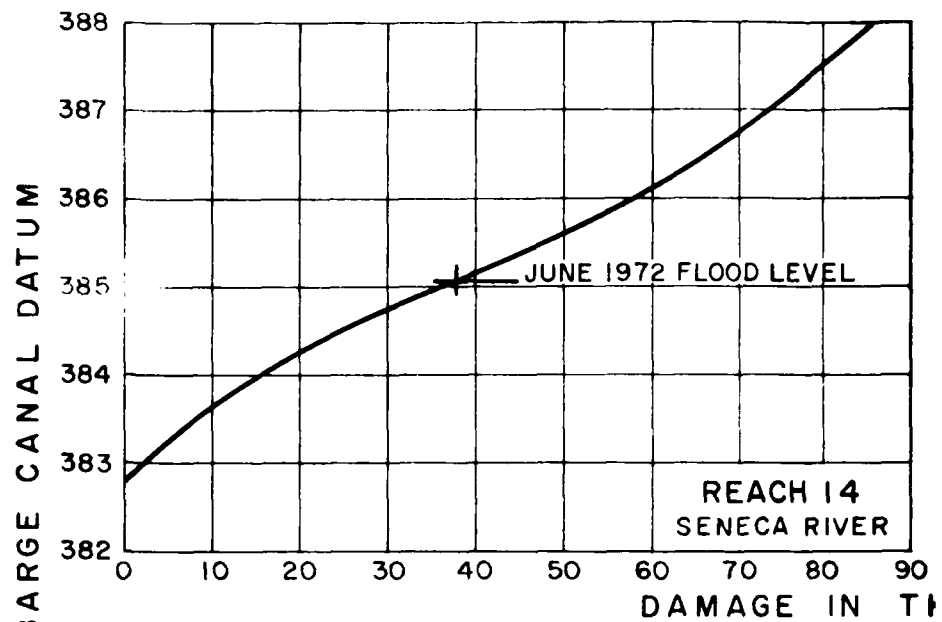
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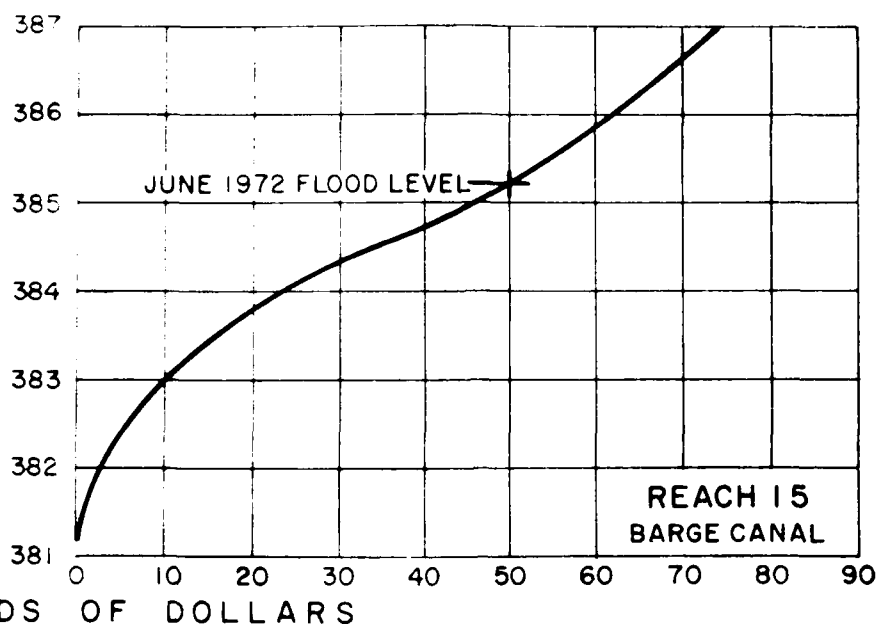


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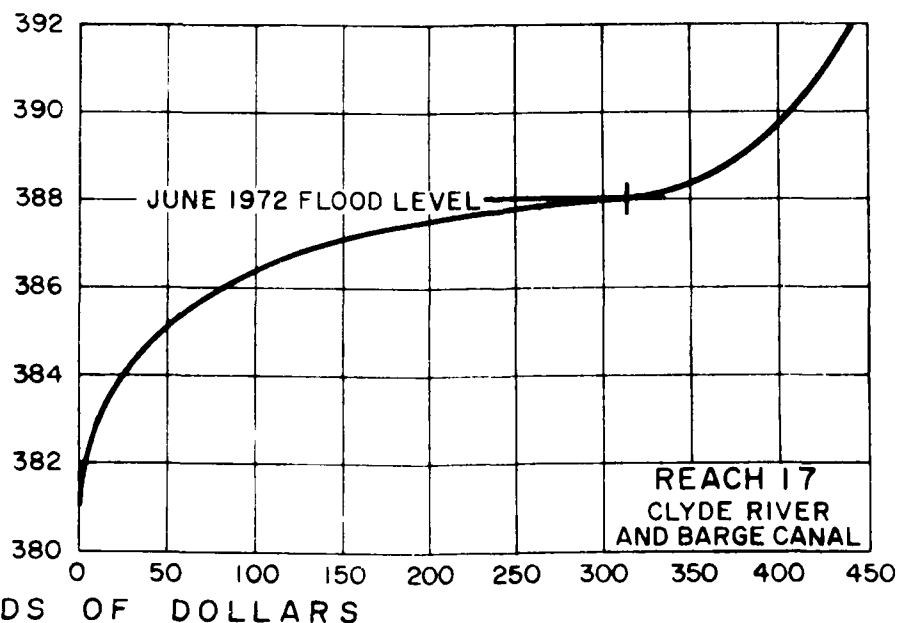
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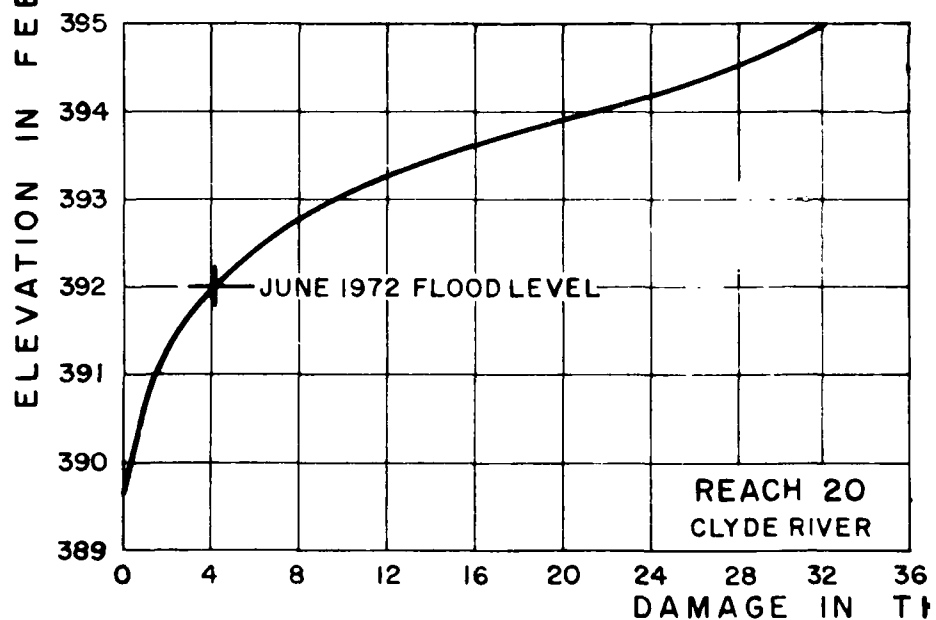
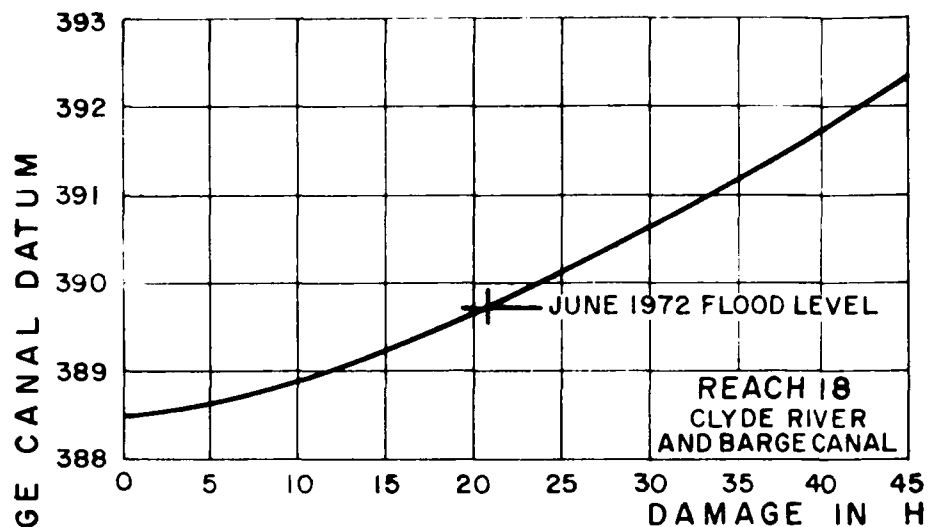


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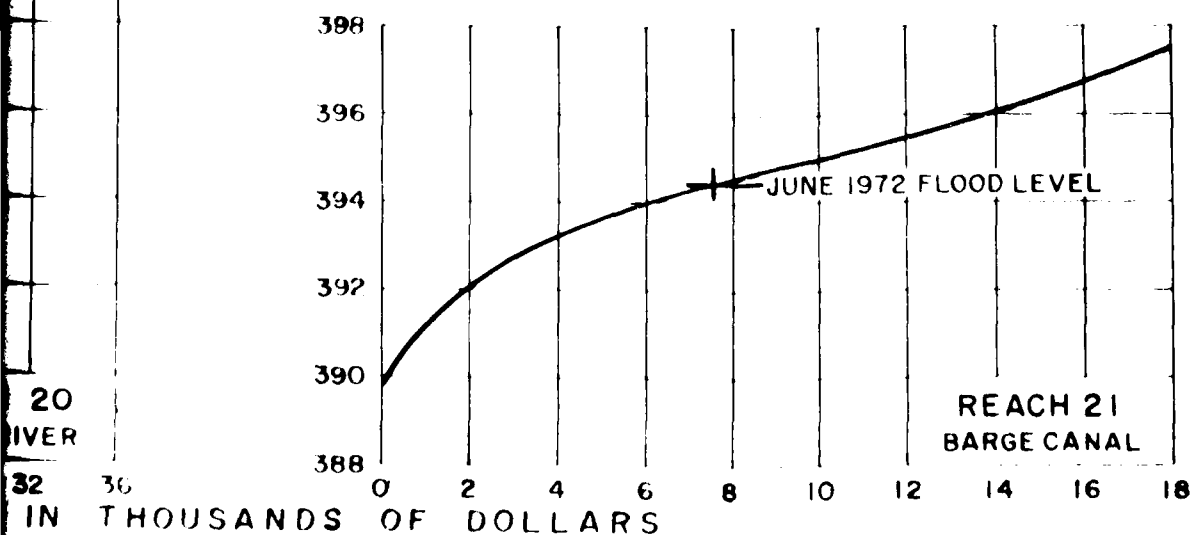
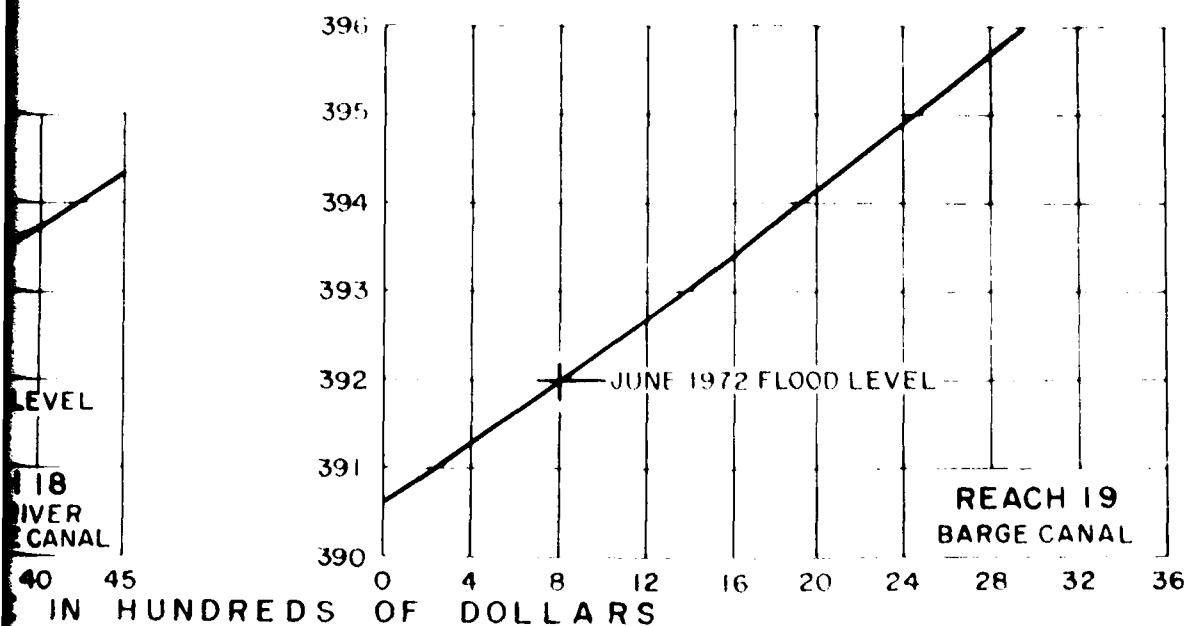




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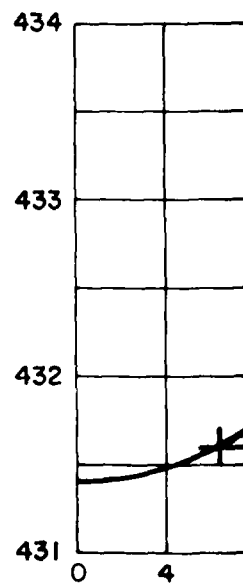
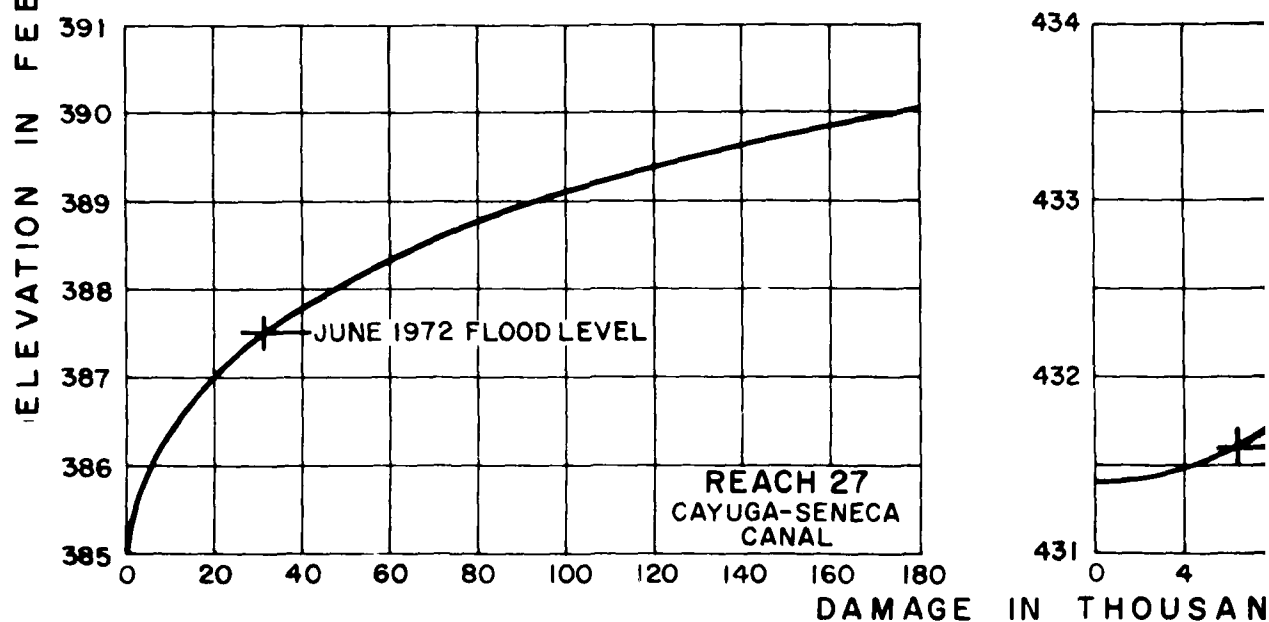
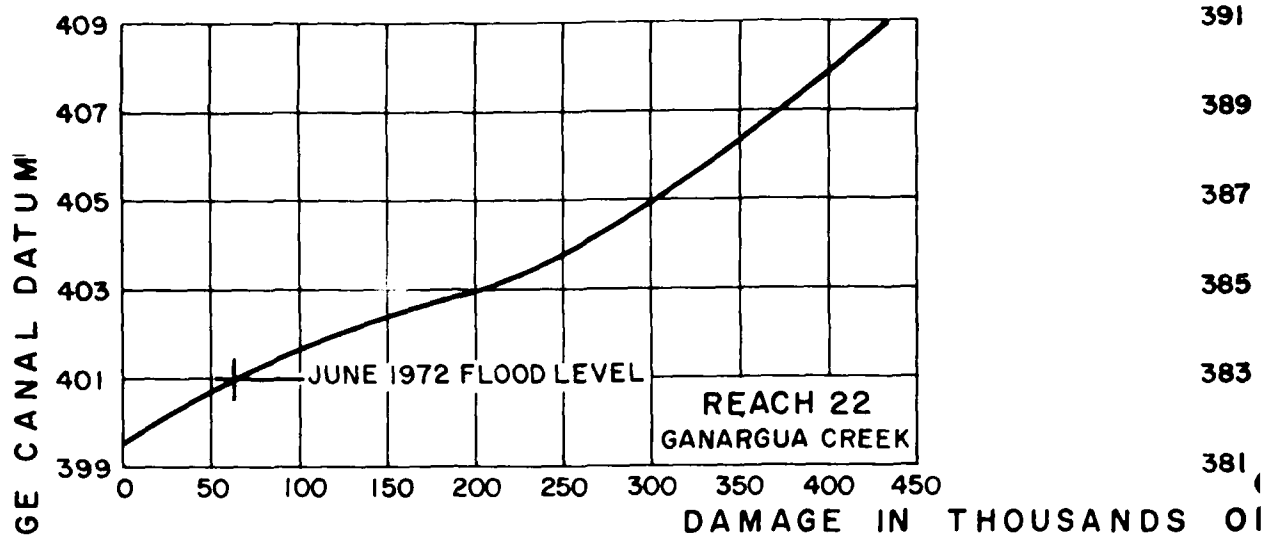
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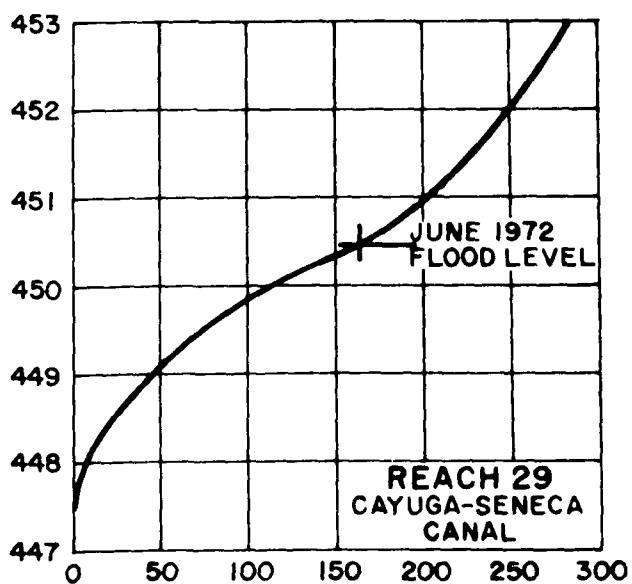
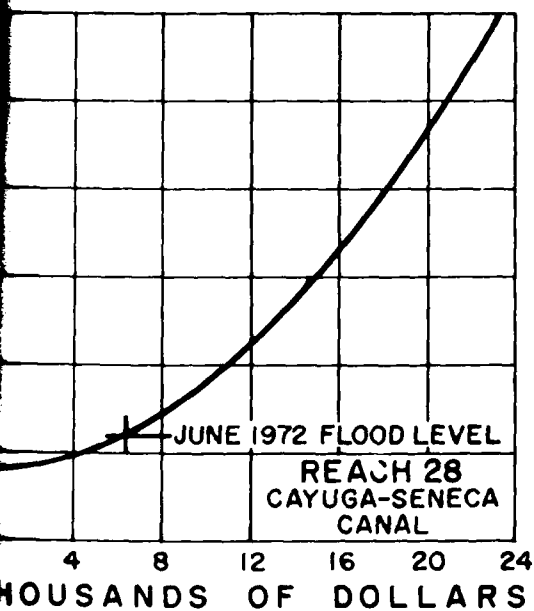
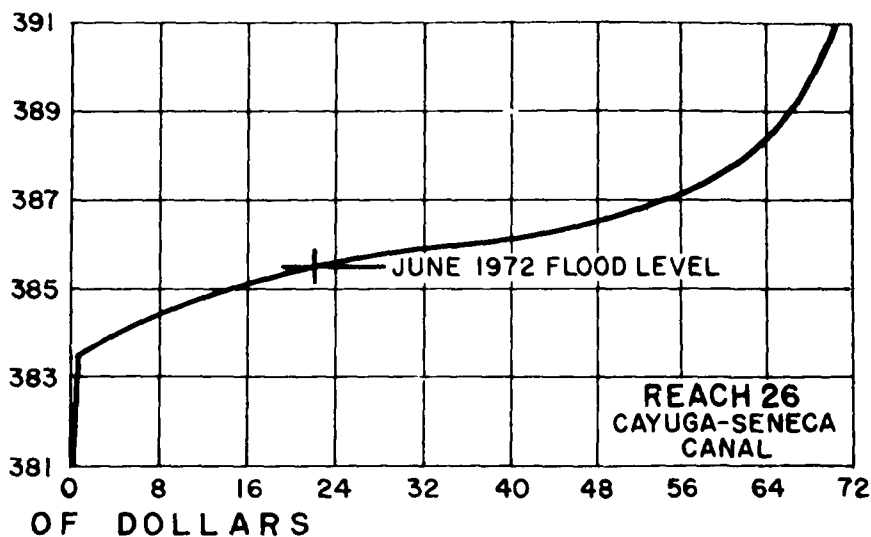


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#### DAMAGE PREVENTED BY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECTS

There are several Corps projects completed in the Oswego River Basin. A brief summary of these projects is as follows:

Syracuse - This project on Onondaga Creek, consists of two sections. One is the Onondaga Reservoir which is located four miles south of Syracuse and the other is 2.1 miles of channel widening, deepening, and straightening of the creek in the southern part of Syracuse. Includes improvements at Nedrow.

Montour Falls - This project is located in the Village of Montour Falls just south of Seneca Lake. It consists of works on Catharine Creek and a tributary, Shequaga Creek and is designed to protect the Village of Montour Falls against the flood of record.

Moravia - The project at Moravia consists of improvements along Owasco Inlet, Mill Creek and Dry Creek. It reduces flood stages from Moravia to Owasco Lake.

Geneva - The project consists of channel and bridge work along Marsh Creek just north of Seneca Lake.

Auburn - This project consists of channel improvement from Owasco Lake downstream to the State Dam, modification of the dam and adoption of a regulation schedule for the dam.

Ithaca - This project involved major realignment and improvement of Cayuga Lake Inlet and a drop structure at the upstream end of the channel improvement. It reduces flood damage in the City of Ithaca.

There are several clearing and snagging projects which are not mentioned here.

Table 23 which follows lists damages prevented by these projects.

TABLE 23. - Estimated Damage Prevented by Corps of Engineers Projects  
in the Oswego River Basin. (1)

Estimated Damage Prevented			
Project	: Accumulative :	:	:
	: total prior :	:	:
	: to June 1972 :	June 1972 Flood	: Total After Flood
	: \$ :	\$	: \$
Syracuse	: 2,213,000 :	463,000	: 2,676,000
Montour Falls	: 1,103,000 :	400,000	: 1,503,000
Moravia	: 327,000 :	100,000	: 427,000
Geneva	: 124,000 :	46,000	: 170,000
Auburn	: 354,000 :	5,026,000	: 5,380,000
Ithaca	: 533,000 :	1,375,000	: 1,908,000
TOTAL	: 4,654,000 :	7,410,000	: 12,064,000

(1) There are several clearing and snagging projects in the basin for which economic analyses are not available.

ESTIMATED DAMAGE TO EXISTING CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECTS

While all of the Corps of Engineers projects contributed to the reduction of flood damage in the Oswego River Basin, several of them were damaged. Table 24 below lists the estimated damage.

Table 24. - Estimated Damage to Existing Corps of Engineers Projects

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>:</u>	<u>Estimated Damage</u>
	:	\$
Camillus-Nine Mile Creek	:	27,000
Hammondsport-Glen Brook	:	14,000
Ithaca-Cayuga Lake Inlet	:	600,000
Jordan-Skaneateles Lake Outlet	:	5,000
Montour Falls-Seneca Lake Inlet	:	18,000
Moravia-Owasco Lake Inlet	:	32,000
Port Byron-Owasco Lake Outlet	:	22,000
Weedsport-Skaneateles Lake Outlet:	:	10,000
	:	
TOTAL	:	728,000
	:	

## ACTIVITIES OF OTHER AGENCIES

### General

Close coordination between local, State, and Federal agencies having disaster responsibilities eased the situation and reduced the amount of inconvenience resulting from tropical storm "Agnes." A summary of the activities of the agencies which provided major disaster and relief assistance to the communities is listed in subsequent paragraphs.

### Federal Agencies

#### Department of Agriculture

Surplus food and food stamps were made available to relief organizations. Services to meet the emergency need of the disaster-stricken farmers were made through emergency loans.

The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) gave technical assistance to flood-stricken farmers and assessed agricultural damage in the Oswego River Basin. The SCS, Syracuse Office, provided the data on agricultural damages used in this report.

#### Department of Commerce

The National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, had the responsibility of forecast and warning for river flooding.

#### Military

Personnel and equipment from the U.S. Army, Coast Guard, Navy and National Guard were provided to many communities throughout the disaster area. Major duties included security and traffic control,



evacuation, rescue, and resupply by helicopter and boat, cleanup, communication support, and damage assessment.

Department of Health, Education and Welfare

The Food and Drug Administration assisted State and local governments in the inspection of damaged food supplies for contamination from flood waters. Assistance was also given in emergency health activities and sanitation.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD-owned housing was provided to many families whose homes were destroyed by flood waters. Trailers were available for up to one year to allow people to rebuild their homes.

Office of Emergency Planning (OEP)

OEP provided assistance to political subdivisions to alleviate the effects of disaster by making funds available for the emergency protective works constructed to protect the public and private property, restore essential community facilities after the flood and remove debris from public and private property, restore where a health hazard was present. Damage Survey teams were comprised of personnel from the Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Transportation and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

SBA established field offices in a number of communities for the purpose of making their program available to flood victims. Long term loans were provided for repairing or rebuilding residential units, business and commercial places and industrial plants damaged by the storm.

Department of Transportation

The Federal Highway Administration provided assistance in restoring

roads and bridges in the Federal Aid System.

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

During and after the flood, USGS went into the field and collected stream flow data for the flood.

State Agencies

State Department of Agriculture (NYSDA)

NYSDA assisted the USDA in the survey of crop damage.

Civil Defense

State civil defense offices located in each county established communications with damaged areas and coordinated requests for assistance. CD offices in undamaged areas were on alert in order to provide assistance as necessary. The Federal Defense Civil Preparedness Agency supplied counties with essential flood fighting equipment.

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

Personnel from DEC worked with Federal representatives in preparing damage survey reports and final inspection of work. The Western Regional Office in Buffalo assisted in preparing a frequency analysis of tropical storm "Agnes" in the Genesee River Basin.

State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)

NYSDOT committed personnel and equipment to keep roads and bridges open and clear from debris (to the extent possible).

State Police

State police provided early warning of rising flood conditions, traffic control and rerouted traffic.

### County Agencies

#### Highway Department

Personnel and equipment fought flood waters to maintain traffic flow on emergency supply routes and provided repair of roads and bridges.

### Other Agencies

#### Firemen

Personnel and equipment worked many hours on rescue missions, pumping out flooded basements and other essential duties.

#### Local Police

Early warning of flood condition, traffic control, rerouting traffic, and rescue missions were their primary duties.

#### Service Groups

The Mennonite Disaster Service, American National Red Cross, The Salvation Army, and other relief disaster assistance organizations established and operated shelters which provided lodging and food to thousands of people throughout the disaster area.

Many individuals not related to service groups provided flood victims with shelter, food, clothing, and helped in the task of clean-up from tropical storm "Agnes."

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### Introduction

Floods, often a serious threat to man's existence, are a naturally occurring phenomena that can have far reaching ecological consequences. They should not be viewed as being completely destructive to the fish, wildlife, and vegetation resources of a given area, but instead must be looked upon as an agent capable of bringing about an abrupt change in the overall composition of the environment. Areas appearing to be totally devastated by the ravages of flood waters will be re-invaded quickly by various species of plants and animals. The time required for reestablishment can be short or may extend over a period of several decades for certain uncommon or rare varieties which were formerly present.

Historically, floodwater inundation having occurred periodically for hundreds of years has resulted in the evolution of certain plant and animal communities adapted to life in such an unstable environment. Typically, a number of plant genera have adapted so well that they can survive the effects of flooding for long periods and are even able to thrive under such conditions.

Damage wrought by mechanical forces is obvious and often spectacular, trees are uprooted, wildlife is ravaged or displaced and soil and rock are transported great distances. The entire food web is disrupted but often makes a startling comeback within a short period of time.

Generally, after a flood, the first organisms to become abundant are those at the bottom of the food chain of which the most important are the insects and various invertebrate forms. As time passes,

other organisms will likewise begin to occupy their position in the food web. However, those individuals at the top of the food chain will require an extended period of time to establish themselves especially if they were originally uncommon to the area.

There are certain factors which control the repopulation rate of a flooded area by various organisms. (A) The maturity of the habitat is an important consideration. Severe alteration of an environment will often result in the invasion of an area by a new group of plants and animals totally different from those formerly occupying the site. In an area where a mature forest and its topsoil were washed away it can be expected that the fauna of this site would not be the same for many decades and may never reach the original species composition that was predominant prior to the flood. Conversely, a grassy riverbank which suffered minor alterations as a result of flooding may reestablish itself within a period of several years. Here the species composition may be similar or the same as that present before the flood. (B) Secondly, another significant factor controlling repopulation is the extent of physical destruction of vegetation. Plants play an important role in the interrelation of various communities by providing a protective shelter, breeding site, and in some cases a major food source for a wide variety of wildlife. When plant cover is present, runoff and erosion is significantly reduced. (C) Siltation and erosion also have a pronounced effect on the environment. Silt deposits effectively prevent root systems of plants from functioning properly ultimately causing death to the affected vegetation. Fine particles of sediment left behind by floodwaters will form a compact layer somewhat impervious to water seepage and for this reason may increase the rate of water runoff thus, causing erosion. The hard compact layer may also reduce the ability of invading vegetation to take root

and establish itself. (D) Ponding is another serious result of flooding that can have a profound effect on the ecosystem. In order for plant growth to occur, diffusion of oxygen, carbon dioxide and other gases must occur through the soil, so that respiration can take place in the root system. The resistance to this type of diffusion afforded by a layer of water on the soil surface is much higher than normal and generally plants will begin to die when the efficiency of gaseous exchange into root system is diminished.

The actual effects of high water velocity and flooding also have immediate adverse effects on the local fish and wildlife:

(A) Fish are particularly affected by flooding, initially by physical shock and abrasion, interruption of feeding or elimination of food sources, suffocation due to silt loading of gills, and death resulting from entrapment in shallow land locked pools. Recently hatched fry and fingerlings will usually suffer the greatest losses. The 1972 "Agnes" flood hit at a time when many species of fish were actually spawning or had done so only a short time earlier. Fry of this year's class represented the brood stock for many future generations.

(B) Wildlife is also affected by the suddenness and violence associated with the flood itself and the heavy rains accompanying it. Floods will destroy any wildlife in its path not fast enough to be able to move out of the way. The young are the most susceptible to the ravages of high water while the adults are generally quick enough to escape. Prolonged rainfall will fill nests that are capable of holding water causing the young to drown or eventually die from exposure. Insects will usually be practically eliminated so that their short supply will cause starvation in those organisms which utilize large quantities of insects as a major portion of their diet.

The most profound ramification of flooding is that increased urbanization of watersheds, swamp and marsh drainage, poor logging practices, and mismanagement of agricultural lands has appreciably

depleted the natural ability of watersheds to utilize and store runoff. Consequently, flooding exceeds the natural norms and lands not previously accustomed to flooding will be increasingly altered causing severe damage to the watershed and downstream areas.

#### Environmental Resources

##### (A) General

The size of this basin, together with the diversity of wildlife habitat that it offers, is responsible for the existence of a rich and varied wildlife resource. Part of the basin falls within the best agricultural wildlife habitat in New York State. Other parts comprise good forest wildlife habitat while the basin also includes the largest tracts of productive interior wetland habitat in the State.

##### 1. Forest Wildlife

The largest section of forest wildlife habitat is found in the northeastern portion of the basin. This area, forming part of the Tug Hill Plateau, is heavily forested and only moderately settled with many of the areas inaccessible. In some places the forest cover is interrupted by the presence of a few scattered dairy farms, but for the most part, agriculture is of marginal value in this portion of the basin. The forest-game species include bear, white tailed deer, ruffed grouse, gray squirrel, snowshoe hare, and woodchuck. Such fur-bearing animals as the red fox, gray fox, mink, otter, racoon, and weasel also occur abundantly. Although food and cover conditions appear excellent for deer, their abundance in the Tug Hill area is not as great as might be expected when compared to the deer populations in the Adirondack Mountains a short distance to the east. Grouse, snowshoe hare, and gray squirrels are plentiful with the first two being very popular with local sportsmen.

Although not as compact a section of forest land as the northeastern section, the southern half of the Oswego River Basin contains a large amount of forest wildlife habitat. The northern extremities of the Finger Lakes lie in the flat and agricultural Lake plain area, but the southern portions are surrounded by the more rugged uplands of the Alleghany Plateau. Here there are extensive acreages of forest land and abandoned, reverting agricultural land on the ridges separated by farmland in the valley bottoms. Forest wildlife species found in this portion of the basin are identical to those inhabiting the Tug Hill Plateau except that bears are no longer found in the southern portion. Attempts are being made to reestablish the wild turkey population of this area. The wildlife productivity of this southern forested area is very high, especially for white tailed deer. Hunting pressure is higher here than in the northeastern forest area of the basin. Scattered traces of woodland, as well as farm woodlots, are found throughout the remainder of the Basin.

## 2. Agricultural Wildlife

In this segment of the Basin, agricultural wildlife consists principally of the cottontail rabbit and ringnecked pheasant. The gray squirrel also occurs here, but is confined primarily to the farm woodlot, while the woodchuck can be found throughout the area. In addition, certain fur-bearing animals among them the skunk, gray fox, red fox, racoon, and opossum are able to find a great deal of suitable habitat in and around the agricultural portion of the Basin. Most of the wildlife already mentioned can be found typically throughout the area, but the best and most productive agricultural wildlife habitat is located in the Lake Plains region of the Basin. Swamps, marshes, woodlots, and open lands reverting to forest provide an excellent cover for ring-necked pheasants and cottontail rabbits both of which are fairly



abundant. In the transition zone between the Lake Plain in the north of the Basin and the steeply rolling terrain of the Allegheny Plateau in the south, there are integrations in the numbers and importance of the agricultural wildlife species.

### 3. Aquatic Wildlife

The principal wildlife groups in this classification are waterfowl, marsh and shore animals such as muskrat, mink, racoon, otter, and beaver. Almost every other form of wildlife however, may make partial use of aquatic habitat such as lake and stream margins, swamps, or marshes, particularly for escape or winter cover. Therefore, the various types of aquatic wildlife habitat which are grouped under the term "wetlands" possess a very high value for wildlife. The Oswego River Basin, together with the basins of the small streams tributary to Lake Ontario, located just to the north, contains the most important wetlands in New York State. The east-west line formed by the Seneca River and the New York State Barge Canal is the axis of the largest wetlands, but there are also large wetland areas in the vicinity of Oneida Lake. Scattered throughout the basin, particularly in the Lake Plains portion, are numerous small wetlands which augment the larger swamps and marshes in serving the needs of water fowl and other wildlife. The smaller wetlands furnish the bulk of the waterfowl breeding habitat for such species as black ducks, wood ducks, mallards, and blue-winged teal, as well as such marsh birds as rails and gallinules. The chief importance of the larger wetlands to waterfowl is for use during migration periods, although they receive some nesting utilization, particularly around their peripheries. Besides their value as a waterfowl area, the wetlands, both large and small, offer an excellent habitat for fur-bearing animals, especially muskrats.

#### 4. Fishery Resources

The large area of the basin, coupled with its great variety and high productivity, makes the fishery of the Oswego River Basin one of the richest in New York State. Basically, the regional zones are: The Finger Lakes and their tributaries, Oneida Lake and its tributaries, the Seneca - Clyde Barge Canal - Oneida Oswego River Axis, and the smaller lakes and ponds of the basin.

A. Finger Lakes and their tributaries - There are six Finger Lakes namely Skaneateles, Owasco, Cayuga, Seneca, Keuka, and Canandaigua - that can be found within the confines of the Oswego River Basin. Although each lake has its own distinctive set of characteristics, all of the Finger Lakes have one feature in common, they are long and narrow with the long axis extending in a north-south direction. Despite variations in depth, all may be classified deep lakes with very limited shallow water areas.

The Finger Lakes possess both a cold water fishery consisting of rainbow trout, lake trout, and brown trout, and a warm water fishery of largemouth black bass, small mouth black bass, yellow perch and pickerel. The tremendous depths that prevail over the greater portion of each of the Finger Lakes provide conditions favorable for coldwater fish and, at the same time, confines the warm water species to the narrow bank of shallow water adjacent to the lake shoreline. The combination of well balanced populations and extensive forage areas forms the basis for the productivity of the Finger Lakes fishery. In addition, microscopic plankton provides support for such species as the alewife, cisco and smelt which in turn provide forage for lake trout, rainbow trout, and brown trout.

The tributaries of the Finger Lakes play a very important part

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in maintaining the productivity. Although, certain species such as the lake trout spawn in both the depths and shallows of the lakes themselves and others like the bass and perch spawn only in the shallows, many other game and forage fish such as the rainbow trout, brown trout, and smelt depend on the tributaries for spawning purposes. Besides serving as a spawning grounds for several species of fish, some of the tributaries are large enough to support a permanent trout fishery of their own. These include all or part of the following: Skaneateles Inlet, Owasco Inlet, Fall Creek, Taughannock Creek, Naples Creek, Cayuga Inlet, and Catharine Creek.

B. Oneida Lake and its tributaries - Oneida Lake is the largest body of water totally within New York State, but unlike the Finger Lakes, it is a relatively shallow body of water. The shoreline of the lake is low and flat with swampy areas on all sides. Productivity is high, not only for game fish but also for non-game fish such as carp, curbot, alewife, sucker and eel.

The tributaries of Oneida Lake include a number of important fishing streams with their importance lying in the stream fishery they support and also in the use made of the lower reaches of some of these streams for spawning runs of lake species. Some of the more important tributaries are Fish, Oneida, Chittenango, Cowaselon, Canaseraga, and Seriba Creeks. The eastbranch of Fish Creek, Chittenango, and Canaseraga Creeks support either a brook or a brown trout fishery, while Oneida and Cowaselon Creeks are bass streams. The lower reaches of all the tributaries of the Lake serve as spawning areas for many of the species inhabiting the Lake.

The Seneca - Clyde Barge Canal - Oneida - Oswego River

Axis - Long Stretches of the rivers of this group have been channelized or else the New York State Barge Canal runs parallel or closely adjacent to them. Flow in the larger streams tends to be slow and the greater part of the system may be classified as a warm water fishery habitat including such species as largemouth black bass, yellow perch, chain pickerel, carp, and bullheads, as well as yellow pike perch and northern pike along certain reaches. Certain streams such as Carpenter Brook, which flow into the Seneca River, support some trout fishing.

C. Smaller Lakes and Ponds - The total pond area of the Basin exclusive of the Finger Lakes, Onondaga, Otisco, and Oneida Lakes, and all ponds posted against public use, is about 6,900 acres, of which 137 acres may be classified as brook trout habitat, 316 acres as rainbow trout habitat, 2,334 acres as largemouth bass habitat. The largest trout ponds found in this area consist of Oneida Reservoir of 60 acres on Florence Creek, Green Lake of 62 acres in the Chittenango Creek System, Lake Como of 52 acres in the Fall Creek Drainage and Potters Falls Reservoir of 192 acres on Six Mile Creek. Warm water lakes and ponds in the basin cover 12,600 acres, of which 15 contains 160 acres or more.

#### 5. Forest Land Resources

Forests of the Basin are important in the control of erosion and sedimentation and play an important role in the maintenance of watersheds. The principal trees found in the Basin include sugar maple, ash, oak, black cherry, and yellow poplar.

#### Environmental Impact

##### A. Fisheries

Hurricane "Agnes" has had a marked impact on the fishery resources of the Oswego River Basin causing physical injury or death to many

species of fish, turbidity, loss of vegetation, erosion runoff, and in some cases total obliteration of the habitat.

Fish are generally accustomed to seasonal changes in current velocity and rate of water volume discharge in the streams or creeks in which they live. It is doubtful that the effects of high currents and water volume would be entirely responsible for the elimination of fish populations. During periods of average velocity fish usually orient themselves so as to face the current, but during abnormally high flows they will seek protection behind rocks or large pieces of debris. However, the turbid water conditions generated throughout the Basin by Hurricane "Agnes" prevented the fish from locating these protective areas and as a result many were displaced farther downstream or swept over the banks of the river by high currents. The violent currents also caused physical injury to the fish as they transported rocks and debris. Sand particles acted as an abrasive to the flesh, while silt caused suffocation as it clogged the gills and opercular cavities of many fish. It is during this violent process that many fingerlings were killed and most of the newly spawned eggs were carried away. Adults swept into inundated areas were later trapped as the waters receded, eventually causing death.

Benthic invertebrates were also subjected to the same stresses as explained above. Midge and black flies recovered very quickly after the dissipation of "Agnes", but other species such as the mayfly, caddisfly, and stonefly nymphs took a much longer time to re-establish themselves. Certain benthic organisms require specific substrate characteristics in order to become abundant, but as their habitat was covered by a thick layer of silt, proliferation was proportionately curtailed. An overall decrease and slow return of these organisms could affect the growth of fish inhabiting the area, but

the radical changes imposed by the storm did provide some natural compensation. Many species of fish present in the Basin feed on terrestrial invertebrates as part of their regular diet, but the turbulence and flooding made more of these invertebrate available than usual, thus partially delaying the food crisis. The time lag was sufficient enough to allow partial regeneration of the benthic fauna.

Practically every tributary in the Oswego River Basin was subjected to heavy sediment loading. Deposits of gravel and other heavier material settled out as the current slowed, often completely filling the former streambed. In many cases bridges and other structures traversing the creek were observed to be literally resting on huge accumulations of rock and gravel. Riffles and clear running water habitat formerly used as breeding sites or feeding areas by trout were covered by heavy deposits of silt. However, some areas which were loaded with silt prior to the storm were scoured clean and could now provide a suitable habitat for the displaced fish. Again, this illustrates that even the most severe storm is a natural phenomena destructive in one area and creative in another.

After "Agnes" subsided the various sediment filled tributaries were no longer capable of transporting water and the rate of flow in these streams was seriously impaired. Heavy equipment was brought in to reopen the clogged channels. Generally, operations consisted of using one or more bulldozers to push the accumulated sediment up toward the river banks forming a gentle even slope. All of the debris was removed from the creek bed as well as most of the damaged trees or other vegetation located on the adjacent shore. Sediments piled up during the cleanup operations caused the resolubilization of nutrients, oxygen demanding materials and pesticides, all of which are capable of disrupting or altering the aquatic environment.

After the sediment was removed, the stream beds often consisted of a series of shallow pools with little running water. This effect had a marked impact on the migratory movements and behavior of the remaining fish.

The river banks were in many instances barren of vegetation either because of the natural activity of the floodwaters or because of the subsequent sediment relocation operations discussed above. Consequently, the exposed sediment eroded sending large amounts of material downstream to build up in other areas. The erosive process and the accompanying turbidity will have a long range effect on the rate of recolonization of the area by fish, and as it continues, habitats downstream once suitable as feeding areas or breeding sites will be obliterated by silt and sediment. In addition, the runoff reaching the stream, depending on the type of watershed, can contain high concentrations of nutrients, pesticides, herbicides, or other biocides, which can have a deleterious effect on the fish populations of the area.

In conclusion, both a short and long term impact will be evident in the Oswego River Basin with an age class of fish noticeably missing among the rainbow trout. The short term effects will encompass the loss of the eggs and fingerlings of various fish spawning at the time of the storm, while the long term effects will center around the loss of habitat resulting from continued erosion of barren stream banks and the resulting turbidity.

(B) Wildlife

1. Birds and Waterfowl

Hurricane "Agnes" arrived at a time of year when much of the wildlife in the Oswego River Basin was nesting or involved in raising young. Waterfowl and birds were greatly affected not only by the

steady downpouring rain, but also by the cold weather which preceded the storm. The effects suffered by the mammals and other wildlife were generally insignificant, with certain exceptions, when compared to the overall effects experienced by the waterfowl and bird life of the area.

Most of the waterfowl and upland game birds in the Oswego River Basin nested directly in the flood plain with many of the nests containing eggs or downy young by the middle of June. Cold weather preceded the "Agnes" storm front, causing a high mortality rate among the immature birds. Following the low temperature came the steady torrential rains which soaked the young, drowning them, often in their own nest, while those that survived the rain eventually succumbed to the chilling and general exposure to the elements. The fury of the storm also severely diminished the insect populations, so that such varieties of birds as the swallow, purple martin, chimney swift, and common nighthawk were left without a food supply. Thus, starvation was commonly the cause of death in these birds. In addition, feed crops such as buckwheat were also heavily damaged in some wetland areas causing the waterfowl inhabiting these sites to move on to other areas where the food supply was more abundant.

In the case of the waterfowl populations which were severely ravaged by "Agnes" most of the species inhabiting the flood plain have wide breeding ranges outside the geographic area of the storm and could easily reinvade the areas when conditions again become more favorable. Upland game birds such as the ruffed goose, turkey, ringnecked pheasant, and bobwhite did reneest following the storm so that their numbers did not become dangerously low. However, on Oneida Lake, a colony of several hundred common terns nested very late because the water levels normally high in the spring continued to remain high throughout the month of June due to Hurricane "Agnes."



Generally, birds have evolved over many hundreds of thousands of years so that on the scale of time, "Agnes" merely occupied an insignificant amount of time. Species not able to cope with the elements have long since disappeared from the face of the earth.

## 2. Mammals and Other Wildlife

The remaining wildlife inhabiting the Basin were either well adapted to inclement weather or were prolific enough to repopulate the battered lands once "Agnes" left the area. The overall impact on wildlife in the basin was minimal, but some species such as snakes, mice, and amphibians inhabiting the flood plain or streambank areas were undoubtedly drowned as the flood waters rose. Several reports indicate that some adult deer and their offspring were caught in the on-rushing waters and were also drowned. Perhaps the most profound effect "Agnes" had on the basin wildlife was the devastation of isolated river islands. These islands are typically inhabited by woodchuck; eastern chipmunk, racoon, and striped skunk. As the waters rose, birds and aquatic organisms were able to escape, but the terrestrial animals inhabiting these areas subsequently drowned as each island was inundated. The repopulation of this territory, if it occurs, will take a very long period of time.

After the flood waters subsided, the grain feeding mammals reproduced very quickly, becoming quite abundant. The same storm that originally reduced their numbers also reduced a similar number of their predators as well, so that ultimately the rodent populations increased unchecked for some period of time.

As the flood waters generated by "Agnes" subsided, many areas, formerly wildlife habitats, were covered by a thick layer of silt. Eventually, the silt will be invaded by weeds and brambles and soon after the organisms which depend on them as a food source will also become established in the area. As time passes, the bramble-weed environment will give rise to scrub vegetation and eventually trees. Each time succession occurs, a new group of organisms will readily invade the area.

#### (C) Erosion and Water Quality

The quality of the water runoff and the erosive force exerted on the land will be significant factors in the future productivity and habitability of the rivers and streams in the Oswego River Basin. Erosion will continue for many years, causing turbidity and partial or complete obliteration of downstream habitats. Water draining quickly off the land, depending on the watershed, often contains large quantities of dissolved solids such as nutrients, pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides. Therefore, the heavy rainfall, runoff, and erosion generated by Hurricane "Agnes" will have a significant long and short term impact on the Oswego River Basin as a whole.

Turbidity has already been discussed in relation to its effects on the basin fish population. Generally, turbid conditions were caused as water runoff, generated by heavy rains, picked up large quantities of particulate matter depositing it in the many tributaries throughout the basin including the six Finger Lakes. The material which remained suspended for long periods of time shielded out a large portion of natural light preventing the growth of aquatic plants that under normal conditions, would provide protection, stability, and oxygen to the lotic environment.

Erosion caused by runoff will continue unchecked until the terrestrial vegetation, washed away by "Agnes" or removed during subsequent cleanup operations, can reestablish itself. During this reestablishment period, the erosion process is expected to recur every time there is moderate to heavy precipitation in the Basin. Thus, conditions of turbidity and loss of stream bottom habitat through siltation can be expected to occur for quite some time.

The quality of the runoff pouring into the tributaries was another important environmental consideration. Excessive rainfall, which accompanied the "Agnes" storm front, leached enormous quantities of dissolved solids from the soils of the Basin, especially in agricultural areas. Once present in the waters, the dissolved nutrients combining with the unshaded sunlight would stimulate the growth of aquatic and free floating plants causing rapid increase in numbers and a possible species imbalance. As the process continued, dead and dying vegetation would be naturally broken down eventually depleting the dissolved oxygen present in the surrounding waters. Particulate matter not utilized during this stage often becomes concentrated in the stream sediments where it can be released periodically during periods of high flow.

Clays and humus type soils are readily able to absorb chlorinated hydrocarbons which are found in various pesticides and herbicides. "Agnes" occurred at a time when heavy pesticide applications were underway throughout the agricultural areas of the basin. During the storm, the leaching process caused by the heavy rains was probably of short duration, but some of these chlorinated hydrocarbons released into the tributaries with the runoff water may have found their way into the bottom sediments where they could be released slowly or during periods of high flow.

In other areas of the Oswego Flood Plain large stockpiles of herbicides and pesticides were maintained in anticipation of their use during the early summer months of 1972. When the flood waters inundated vast portions of farmland, many of these stockpiles were swept away or were partially damaged with most of the detrimental chemicals ending up in the downstream reaches or the Finger Lakes as the flood waters receded. The flood waters generated by "Agnes" were also responsible for the overflow and disruption of many sewage treatment facilities located along the tributaries of the Oswego River. Severed sewer lines and badly damaged processing plants continued to dump raw sewage into nearby streams until the proper repairs could be made. Throughout New York State, approximately 2.5 billion gallons of untreated sewage was discharged into receiving streams as a result of the flooding caused by "Agnes."

Oil spills and leakage associated with the devastation brought about by "Agnes" will most likely have a significant effect on the benthic fauna inhabiting the slower reaches of the various streams in the Oswego River Basin. However, significant fish kills associated with the spillage of oil or petroleum products, were not reported to have occurred.

#### (D) Vegetation

Timber losses occurring in the flood plain during late June, resulting from the Hurricane "Agnes" storm front, could be attributed directly to the high water velocity eroding and exposing root systems, and the presence of dissolved solids in the flood waters. During periods of high flow, debris and gravel rapidly transported throughout the flood plain caused abrasion and damage to the bark of many trees. This girdling effect left the tree trunks exposed to the effects of the weather, insect infestations, and disease.

Basically, trees and vegetation along the streambanks serve a dual purpose by resisting the effects of erosion and providing shade to the aquatic environment. During the "Agnes" flood, it was observed that where vegetation was heavy along the streambanks, the swollen river or creek tended to stay in channel, while in areas where the vegetation was sparse, the water tended to braid in and out of the channel. However, despite the heavy vegetation many trees were washed downstream where they collected into log jams further restricting the flow of water.

In the Oswego River Basin, some timber damage did occur in addition to the loss of streambank vegetation already described. Near Seneca Falls, some 4,500 acres of low marshy land was inundated, but even though much of the vegetation was adapted to periodic flooding, many of the younger trees present such as white oak, ash, red maple, and elm were affected to some extent. At the western edge of the Basin near Bristol Mountain, a mud slide occurred which totally devastated about 7-10 acres of forest hardwood trees.

After the storm had subsided, cleanup operations were instituted. Streambank debris were removed, fallen trees were cut up, and damaged vegetation chopped away. Most of the material accumulated during the cleanup process was hauled away to be buried at land fill sites or burned in open pits.

The magnitude of the storm was capable of altering the species distribution of the Basin. Plant seeds and spores were carried downstream for considerable distances to be deposited in areas where they formerly did not occur. Thus, the ecological balance of the downstream flood plain areas may be upset by the establishment of new varieties of vegetation. If for example, the new vegetation established itself on the open agricultural lands throughout

the Oswego River Basin, then more herbicides would be required to keep the land free of these invading plants.

The topsoil in many areas was stripped away carrying with it the microbial populations which are responsible for the fixation of Nitrogen and other nutrient materials in the soil. This factor will be a strong determinant in the rate at which plants reinvade the area and the types of species able to thrive in such an environment.

Loss of vegetation can have significant effects on many other organisms which depend on it either directly or indirectly. Without the shade and cooling effects of trees and shrubs; streams can rise as much as 12<sup>0</sup>F above the usual normal temperature. During the summer months, slow moving waters in areas without vegetation become very warm, but even with this increase, most fish are capable of withstanding temperature fluctuations since they are already accustomed to seasonal variations. Although, the temperatures are not necessarily lethal, the increase can be significant enough to interrupt or cause premature spawning or affect the normal migration patterns of the resident fish.

Higher temperatures generally cause a decrease in the dissolved oxygen content of the water and a corresponding increase in the rate of oxygen consumption by the organisms inhabiting the aquatic environment. After the stream cleanup operations were completed, many shallow pools remained which were high in temperature and low in dissolved oxygen. Fish would congregate in these pools where they would be exposed to predation by terrestrial animals.

Removal of the natural cover will cause a change in the behavior patterns of fish in response to changes in the duration

of sunlight. The impact of this situation will be the disruption of feeding habits.

Until the streamside habitat is stabilized by terrestrial and aquatic plant growth, erosion will continue and many areas will be covered by silt. Runoff associated with erosion can often contain significant quantities of herbicides which can retard the growth of vegetation. The toxic plant chemicals can have an immediate effect or they can be deposited along with the silt and slowly released over a long period of time.

#### (E) The Effects of Ponding

Large expanses of agricultural land and many tracts of woodland surrounding the tributaries of the Basin were totally inundated by the heavy rains generated during the "Agnes" hurricane. As the flood waters receded, ponds began to form. Much of the accumulated water could be found in low-lying areas where there was little or no drainage. Consequently, a great number of these ponds already loaded with dissolved solids and sediment, became quickly polluted.

Mosquitoes often lay their eggs in wooded areas as well as on the surface of stagnant water, so that when the ponding occurred, viable eggs were already developing along with fresh eggs laid by mosquitoes reinvading the area. Within a short time, the mosquito population in the Oswego River Basin increased immensely, causing a great deal of concern.

Emergency spraying programs were instituted using dibrom and vapon insecticides in an effort to control the rising mosquito population.

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<p>FROM:</p> <p>TO:</p> <p>C. THE MILLER STREET BRIDGE HAS BEEN WASHED OUT AND THERE IS A DANGER TO THE EXISTING FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT. ALL OTHER BRIDGES WITHIN THE CITY ARE IN DANGER.</p> <p>D. THE WATER AND LIGHT PLANT IS COMPLETELY OUT OF SERVICE AND COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE CITY IS IMPOSSIBLE.</p> <p>E. ALL ROADS TO THE CITY ARE INUNDATED AND ACCESS TO THE CITY IS IMPOSSIBLE EXCEPT BY TRUCK AND AIR.</p> <p>F. NO DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.</p> <p>G. THE STATE HAS DISPATCHED A HELICOPTER AND TWO TRUCKS WITH GENERATORS TO THE AREA.</p> <p>H. PROPANE TANKS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE FLOATED FROM A STORAGE AREA TO THE GENESEE RIVER.</p> <p>4. THE FLOOD OF RECORD AT SCIO (3 MILES DOWNSTREAM OF WELLSVILLE) WAS 23,300 CFS AT A STAGE OF 11.22 FEET IN NOVEMBER 1950. THE LATEST STAGE RECORDED, 21 JUNE 1972, AT SCIO WAS 12.5 FEET. THE GAGE HAS SINCE BEEN WASHED OUT.</p> <p>5. THE REGULATION OF MT. MORRIS LAKE WILL PREVENT FLOOD DAMAGES IN THE LOWER GENESEE VALLEY EXCEPT FOR THE CANASERAGA CREEK VALLEY.</p>										
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6. THE FLOOD STAGE AT GROVELAND ON CANASERAGA CREEK IS 11.0 FEET. REPORTED STAGES AT GROVELAND ARE:

0730 HOURS 7.88 FEET

0930 HOURS 12.10 FEET

1300 HOURS 14.37 FEET

7. THE CANASERAGA CREEK VALLEY IS INUNDATED AND CROPS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED. HEAVY RAIN IS STILL OCCURRING AND CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO GET WORSE.

8. A FLOOD WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR MOST OF THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES IN WESTERN NEW YORK.

9. OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN, HOWEVER, NOT WITHIN THE BUFFALO DISTRICT ARE THE VILLAGE OF ALMOND AND THE CITY OF HORNEILL. UNOFFICIAL REPORTS ARE THAT:

A. THE VILLAGE OF ALMOND HAS BEEN EVACUATED AND ONE DROWNING HAS OCCURRED.

B. THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF HORNEILL HAS 2 FEET OF WATER AND THREE DROWNINGS HAVE OCCURRED.

10. ADDITIONAL REPORTS WILL BE MADE AS CONDITIONS WARRANT.

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<p style="text-align: center;">FROM:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO:</p> <p>8. A WING OF THE LOCAL HOSPITAL HAS BEEN UNDERMINED NECESSITATING EVACUATION. SAND BAGS ARE BEING PROVIDED BY THE BUFFALO DISTRICT FOR AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE HOSPITAL WING FROM COLLAPSING.</p> <p>9. NO DEFINITE DAMAGES TO THE CORPS OF ENGINEER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. SIGNS OF THE DROP STRUCTURE NEAR MILLER STREET ARE NOW VISIBLE. TOP OF LEVEES HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN EXCEEDED BY 20 TO 3 FEET.</p> <p>10. OTHER INFORMATION IN GENESEE RIVER BASIN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. 600-700 PEOPLE EVACUATED THROUGHOUT ALLEGANY COUNTY.</li> <li>B. ESTIMATED \$200,000 RESIDENTIAL DAMAGES BETWEEN WELLSVILLE AND SCOTIO, N.Y.</li> <li>C. AGRICULTURAL DAMAGES THROUGHOUT ALLEGANY COUNTY ARE EXTENSIVE.</li> <li>D. SMALL TRIBUTARIES TO GENESEE RIVER ARE STILL ON THE RISE.</li> <li>E. FLOOD DAMAGES ARE OCCURRING ALL ALONG THE UPPER GENESEE RIVER. SERIOUS FLOOD DAMAGES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN PORTAGEVILLE, N.Y.</li> </ul> <p>11. REGULATION OF MT. MORRIS LAKE HAS ELIMINATED DAMAGES, THUS FAR, FROM THE LOWER GENESEE RIVER VALLEY. INFLOWS TO MT. MORRIS REACHED AN ESTIMATED PEAK OF BETWEEN 70,000 TO 80,000 CFS. THE HEADWATER POOL AT 1600 HOURS 22 JUNE 1972 HAD RISEN 80 FEET SINCE 0800 ON 21 JUNE 1972. ABOUT 35 PERCENT OF THE RESERVOIR STORAGE IS</p>									
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<p>1. CATEGORY A FLOOD SITUATION REPORT NO. 3 - ATTN: DAEN-CWO-E.</p> <p>2. SERIOUS FLOODING PROBLEMS IN THE GENESEE RIVER STILL EXIST. IN ADDITION, FLOOD POTENTIALS EXIST IN OTHER AREAS OF NEW YORK STATE BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE BUFFALO DISTRICT. MOST WESTERN NEW YORK STREAMS HAVE CRESTED AND ARE PRESENTLY RECEEDING. OLEAN AND SALAMANCA, NEW YORK HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY EVACUATED.</p> <p>3. THE NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION ENGINEER AND THE ACTING DISTRICT ENGINEER ARE PRESENTLY IN WELLSVILLE MAKING A PERSONAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE FLOOD SITUATION.</p>									
<p>THE FLOOD CREST OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 0500 HOURS 23 JUNE, EXCEEDING THE PREVIOUS DAY'S CREST BY ABOUT ONE FOOT. THE ENDANGERED HOSPITAL WING COLLAPSED AT APPROXIMATELY 0700 HOURS. A NEARBY CHURCH RECREATION BUILDING WAS ALSO DESTROYED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME. THE WATER LEVEL IN WELLSVILLE IS</p>									
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<p style="text-align: center;">FROM:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO:</p> <p>CONTROL STRUCTURE. THIS WILL CAUSE AN INCREASE OF INFLOWS ON CONESUS OUTLET AND INTO THE GENESEE RIVER. INCREASES WILL BE SMALL AND EFFECTS ON GENESEE RIVER STAGES ARE EXPECTED TO BE NEGLIGIBLE. IN AUBURN, LOCAL AUTHORITIES FEAR THAT THE DAM CONTROLLING OWASCO LAKE WILL FAIL. A DISTRICT CIVIL ENGINEER HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO GIVE WHATEVER ADVICE IS POSSIBLE. CIVIL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE WAS OBTAINED TO PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORTATION. THE DAM IS APPROXIMATELY 10 FEET HIGH.</p> <p>5. THE PEARL STREET BRIDGE WHICH HAD COLLAPSED INTO THE GENESEE RIVER AT WELLSVILLE HAS BEEN REMOVED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. IT NO LONGER IS AN OBSTRUCTION TO FLOW.</p> <p>6. ADDITIONAL REPORTS WILL BE MADE AS CONDITIONS WARRANT.</p>										
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A. CHAGRIN RIVER AT EASTLAKE, OHIO IS ESTIMATED AT \$100,000.

B. BIG CREEK AT CLEVELAND, OHIO IS ESTIMATED AT \$250,000.

7. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF DAMAGES ALONG THE NORTH CENTRAL OHIO LAKEFRONT  
EXCEED \$2 MILLION, CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF SUNKEN PLEASURE CRAFT.

8. FIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN DETAILED TO THE BUFFALO DISTRICT TO PERFORM  
REHABILITATION WORK.

9. ADDITIONAL REPORTS WILL BE MADE AS CONDITIONS WARRANT.

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SUBJ: FLOODING IN WESTERN NEW YORK

1. CATEGORY A FLOOD SITUATION REPORT NO. 6 - ATTN: DAEN-CWO-E.

2. PEAK STAGES HAVE OCCURRED ON SEVERAL LAKES IN CENTRAL, NY. DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

LAKE	PREVIOUS RECORD	PEAK	TODAY	TREND
SENECA AT WALKINS GLEN	448.5	450.5	-	FALLING
SENECA AT GENEVA	449.2	-	450.2	STEADY
CAYUGA AT ITACA	386.4	387.8	387.6	FALLING
CAYUGA AT MUD LOCK	386.6	-	387.4	FALLING

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OWASCO	712.5	712.9	711.1	FALLING
SKANEATELES	864.6	865.2	865.2	FALLING
ONONDAGA	371.6	-	370.6	RYING
ONEIDA	374.9	-	374.2	STEADY
<i>Canandaigua</i> <del>CANADATOGA</del>	690.2	691.7	691.4	FALLING

3. THE SENECA RIVER (BARGE CANAL) IN CENTRAL NEW YORK IS CAUSING SEVERE FLOODING TO AGRICULTURAL (MUCK) LANDS. THE RIVER AT BALDWINVILLE IS 378.2, UP 0.1 FOOT SINCE YESTERDAY, RECORD STAGE IS 378.5. RIVER SHOULD REMAIN IN FLOOD 10 TO 14 DAYS. ALTHOUGH THE OSWEGO RIVER BASIN IS RISING SLOWLY AT PHOENIX, FULTON AND OSWEGO, NO PROBLEMS ARE ANTICIPATED.

4. THE POOL ELEVATION AT MT. MORRIS DAM WAS 753.4<sup>at</sup> 20300 HOURS THIS DATE. INFLOWS TO MOUNT MORRIS HAVE DECREASED TO 4,000 CFS, OUTFLOWS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED AT 3,000 CFS. CONTROL POINTS BETWEEN MT. MORRIS AND ROCHESTER ARE RECEIVING.

5. ADDITIONAL REPORTS WILL BE MADE AS CONDITIONS WARRANT.

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1. CATEGORY A FLOOD SITUATION REPORT NO. 7 - ATTN: DAFN-CWO-E.							
2. SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS ON SEVERAL LAKES IN CENTRAL NEW YORK. DATA ARE AS							
FOLLOWS:							
	LAKE	PREVIOUS RECORD	PEAK	TODAY	27 Jan Fall	TREND	
	CANANDAIGUA	690.2	691.2	691.3	691.4	FALLING	
	SENECA AT GENEVA	449.2	450.2	450.1	450.2	FALLING	
	CAYUGA AT ITPACA	386.4	387.8	387.8	387.6	FALLING	
	CAYUGA AT WED LOCK	388.0		387.4	387.4	STEADY	
	OWASCO	712.5	712.0	710.4	711.1	FALLING	
	SHANEATELES	864.6	865.2	865.1	865.2	FALLING	
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<p>6. IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED BY THIS OFFICE THAT ABOUT 700 MILES OF STREAMS HAVE EXPERIENCED FLOODING CONDITIONS THIS DATE. OF THE TOTAL, 414 MILES IS ESTIMATED TO BE IN THE GENESEE RIVER BASIN.</p> <p>7. COLONEL MOORE, DISTRICT ENGINEER, ACCOMPANIED BY MR. ROUGHT, CHIEF, ENGINEERING DIVISION, ARE IN WELLSVILLE TO MAKE DECISION REGARDING SCOPE OF WORK FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT TO REHABILITATE THE WELLSVILLE LOCAL PROTECTION PROJECT. LTC BARRETT, DEPUTY DISTRICT ENGINEER, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS THE PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE REHABILITATION PROJECT.</p> <p>8. THE POOL ELEVATION AT MT. MORRIS DAM WAS 746.0 AT 1300 HOURS THIS DATE. INFLOWS TO MT. MORRIS HAVE INCREASED 300 CFS FROM YESTERDAY, TO 2,000 CFS; OUTFLOWS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED AT 8,000 CFS. CONTROL POINTS BELOW THE DAM AT JONES BRIDGE, AVON AND ROCHESTER ARE BELOW FLOOD STAGE.</p> <p>9. ADDITIONAL REPORTS WILL BE MADE AS CONDITIONS WARRANT.</p>																																																						
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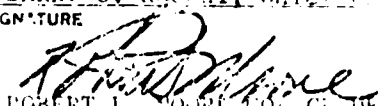
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1. CATEGORY A FLOOD SITUATION REPORT NO. 10 - ATTN: DAEN-CWO-E.
2. THE INFLOW TO MT. MORRIS CRESTED 30 JUNE 1972 AT 2200 HOURS AT A FLOW OF 5,600 CFS. THE OUTFLOW THROUGH THE DAM WAS REDUCED TO 3,800 CFS AT 0400 HOURS 30 JUNE 1972, BECAUSE RAINFALL IN THE LOWER GENESSEE RIVER BASIN WAS EXPECTED TO RAISE THE RIVER AT ROCHESTER TO ABOVE FLOOD STAGE.
3. AT ALL CONTROL POINTS ALONG THE GENESSEE RIVER THE STAGES ARE WELL BELOW FLOOD STAGE. WE ARE NOW IN A STABILIZING POSITION IN WHICH WE WILL MAINTAIN A SOLID FLOW IN THE LOWER GENESSEE TO:
  - A. EXHAUST RESERVOIR STORAGE
  - B. MAINTAIN NONDAMAGING STAGES ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE LOWER GENESSEE RIVER.
4. NO SIGNIFICANT DROPPING IN THE HEADWATER POOL HAS OCCURRED TODAY BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS REDUCTION IN THE OUTFLOW.
5. THIS IS THE FINAL REPORT ON THE GENESSEE RIVER.
6. WE HAVE EXCELLENT INFORMATION ON THE LAKE ELEVATIONS IN THE GENESSEE RIVER

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6. SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS ON SEVERAL LAKES AND RIVERS IN THE OSWEGO RIVER SYSTEM

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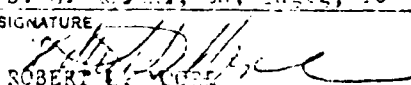
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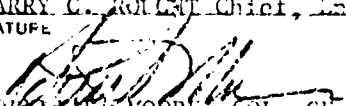
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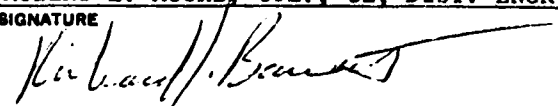
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	LOWER	374	385.2	381.7	382.7	FALLING
AT BALDWINVILLE, LOCK #24	UPPER	374	378.5	376.8	377.2	FALLING
	LOWER	363	371.2	368.1	369.2	FALLING
OSWEGO RIVER						
AT PHOENIX, LOCK #1	UPPER	363	366.0	364.4	365.0	FALLING
	LOWER	354	361.1	357.0	358.7	FALLING
AT FULTON, LOCK #2	UPPER	354	356.5	353.5	UNAVAIL	
	LOWER	-	340.7	339.1	UNAVAIL	
AT OSWEGO, LOCK #7	UPPER	272	274.5	273.1	UNAVAIL	

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