

## 1913 Flood - News article from Waveland Independent

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### Wind & Rain Work Havoc - Business Buildings Unroofed. Other Minor damages in this Vicinity Wide-Spread Destruction Throughout Middle West

The equinoctial storm was long drawn out. Beginning on Friday night with a windstorm it continued until Tuesday. There was little rain on Friday night, but the wind reached tornado speed toward early morning. Besides minor damage, the roof was torn off the Acker & Robertson buildings. Jas. Patton's chicken house was scattered over the lot. Windows were blown out. Aunt Polly Morning's barn blew down. A shed belonging to J.W. Lank blew down, killing one steer and injuring another so that it had to be killed. Judge Rosebaum was kept busy on Saturday taking note of storm losses. The rain on Sunday kept him busier still mopping up water in his office in the Acker block. And then on Sunday night another wind storm came along and tore off the roof that had hastily been pieced on these buildings, and the water came thro on Holland & Deer. There was no storm insurance on the store stock or on the buildings. The creeks on either side of town were wild. Sugar Creek got up almost to the bridge floor at Bluff Mills, the highest in 30 years. The Central train out on Monday was stopped by a tree across the track just above town. After that was removed the trip was made to Anderson all right. But on Tuesday the White River bridges were so shaky that the train went no farther than Westfield. It is said that the demand for crackers and cheese was the greatest ever experienced in the Quaker metropolis. There were bad washouts at the Raccoon bridge on the west end. The Van has washouts and wrecks at Jessup and Garfield. The families living on the north side of the creek at Bluff Mills were compelled to move out. The Cox bridge in Parke County washed out. Many small road bridges are gone and much damage done to the roads. But the damage in this immediate vicinity is trifling to what has happened elsewhere. The farther one gets, the greater the destruction. At Terre Haute, 200 houses were blown down, 15 people killed and a hundred injured. In Omaha, hundreds are killed and thousands homeless. Indianapolis is isolated, but one road running trains. The residence section on Fall Creek is flooded. Many lives were lost in West Indianapolis by the breaking of a levee. A part of the Kingan plant on White River collapsed, killing 300 employees. The big Washington Street bridge is gone. The city is without drinking water or fire protection. 1500 people are said to be drowned at Dayton, Ohio. Over a thousand are homeless at Logans- (port?) but no lives lost. Every hour brings rumor of fresh disaster, and it will be a week before the full extent of the loss can be determined. It is probable that no such wide spread destruction ever visited the middle West.