

**No: 9/85**

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**Aircraft type and registration:** Cessna FRA 150L G-BBEO (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

**Year of Manufacture:** 1973

**Date and time (GMT):** 11 August 1985 at 1030 hrs

**Location:** Gransden Aerodrome Nr Cambridge

**Type of flight:** Private (pleasure)

**Persons on board:** Crew — 1                      Passengers — 1

**Injuries:** Crew — None                      Passengers — None

**Nature of damage:** Nosewheel collapsed, forward fuselage buckled, propeller damaged. Damage to engine not yet known.

**Commander's Licence:** Private Pilot's Licence

**Commander's Age:** 28 years

**Commander's total flying experience:** 213 hours (of which 112 were on type)

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by pilot.

The aircraft was returning to the airfield after a short local flight in good weather but with an increasingly gusty wind. Whilst in the circuit for landing on runway 21, the pilot noted that the windsock indicated a wind varying between 210 and 250° at 15 kt, gusting to 20, blowing across the runway over hangers and a line of trees. Approximately 70 metres after touchdown, at a speed of 25 to 30 kt, the aircraft was thrown into the air by the combined effects of a large hump in the runway and a strong gust of wind. It stalled onto the ground again and the nosewheel collapsed. The aircraft then veered off the runway to the right and came to rest in a cornfield.