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Aircraft Type and Registration: Harvard 4, G-BGPB

No & Type of Engines: 1 Pratt & Whitney R1340-AN1 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1953

Date and Time (UTC): 15 June 1989 at 1610 hrs

Location: Gransden, Bedfordshire

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Damage to rear fuselage and right and left wingtips.

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 68 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 23,000 hours (of which 450 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft touched down on the left side of the grass runway, which was considered to be short and so the pilot began to brake immediately, applying more pressure to the right brake in order to regain the centreline. Unfortunately the aircraft continued to the right and the pilot was unable to recover directional control in time to prevent the right wingtip striking the standing crop alongside the runway. The aircraft spun round and the rear fuselage impacted an earth bank before coming to rest. The pilot escaped without injury.