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Aircraft Type and Registration: Beech 95-B55A Baron, G-ASOH

No & Type of Engines: 2 Continental IO-470-L piston engines

Year of Manufacture: 1964

Date & Time (UTC): 16 November 1991 at 1610 hrs

Location: Biggin Hill Airport, Kent

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Damage to right wing, nose cowling,
left propeller and left engine

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with Instrument and IMC ratings

Commander's Age: 62 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 1,026 hours (of which 200 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot
and AAIB enquiries

After landing and clearing customs, the pilot taxied the aircraft from the control tower to a parking area on the eastern side of Biggin Hill airport. The final portion of his taxi route involved negotiating a narrow down sloping taxiway with vehicles and aircraft parked close on either side. The pilot reported that in this area he was taxiing "very slowly" although several eye witnesses reported that the aircraft's taxi speed was faster than normal for the prevailing conditions.

At some time during the taxi sequence, the right engine had stopped but, because the aircraft was travelling down slope with the throttles closed, the pilot was not aware of the thrust imbalance. At the bottom of the slope the pilot noticed the stationary right propeller and that the aircraft was veering to the right. Opposite rudder and brake were applied to no effect. The right wing passed over the front of parked cars before striking the top of a van. The aircraft then swung sharply to the right, colliding with a parked aircraft and pushing it backwards into an earth embankment. The pilot, who was wearing a lap and diagonal upper torso restraint and the passenger, who had earlier undone her lap strap, vacated the aircraft through the cabin door without injury. At the time of the accident the taxiway surface was dry and the wind was calm.