ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Beechcraft 35, F-BASF

No & Type of Engines: 1 x Continental IO-470-N

Year of Manufacture: 1962

Date & Time (UTC): 13 May 2017 at 1516 hrs

Location: Jersey Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Propeller, flaps, cowl flaps, radio antennas

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 67 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 1,300 hours (of which 800 were on type)

Last 90 days - 35 hours Last 28 days - 17 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

After leaving Brest, the pilot contacted Jersey Approach Control. The controller requested that he remain below 1,000 ft in the vicinity of Fremont TV mast. On reaching the mast, the controller asked the pilot to report when visual with a Cherokee aircraft. He then requested the pilot to follow the Cherokee which was being radar vectored towards Runway 26.

Realising he was closing on the Cherokee, the pilot contemplated extending the landing gear, but decided to delay this as the speed was above the 140 kt landing gear limiting speed. Once on final approach he realised that both aircraft were very close and maintained some height to avoid the Cherokee's prop wash. The pilot was focussed intently on the Cherokee ahead and listening to the tower controller in case he was directed to go around. He was aware of the stall warner sounding, then the Cherokee finally cleared the runway and the pilot received clearance to land. The landing gear was not lowered and the aircraft landed gear-up.

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