



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	BANCROFT, ID	Accident Number:	SEA85FA067
Date & Time:	03/01/1985, 1700 MST	Registration:	N9386B
Aircraft:	CESSNA 175	Injuries:	1 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE ACFT IMPACTED LEVEL TERRAIN APRX 500 YARDS EAST OF THE BANCROFT ARPT. N9386B WAS ONE OF A FLT OF TWO ACFT RETURNING TO BANCROFT FROM PRESTON, ID. THE WX HAD DETERIORATED DURING THE FLT WITH SNOW SHOWERS AND BLOWING SNOW. WHILE THE OTHER ACFT WAS LANDING AT BANCROFT. THE PLT OF N9386B ELECTED TO FLY OVER HIS HOUSE BEFORE LANDING. THE PLT'S WIFE HEARD THE ACFT FLY OVER AND BECAME CONCERNED WHEN HE DID NOT RETURN HOME. THE ACFT CONTACTED THE TERRAIN LEFT WING FIRST AND CARTWHEELED. THE WRECKAGE WAS LOCATED ALONG WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A BASE LEG FOR RWY 25.

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (F) PLANNING/DECISION - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - WHITEOUT
3. (F) LIGHT CONDITION - DUSK
4. (F) VFR FLIGHT INTO IMC - CONTINUED - PILOT IN COMMAND
5. (C) PROPER ALTITUDE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Private	Age:	44
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Instrument Rating(s):	None
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Instructor Rating(s):	None
Flight Time:			

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N9386B
Model/Series:	175 175	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	STEVEN D. LOWRY	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None	Engine Model/Series:	O-360
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Instrument Conditions	Condition of Light:	Dusk
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Witness
Lowest Ceiling:	Obscured / 1000 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	15 knots / 20 knots, 330°
Temperature:	-1° C	Visibility	1 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:	PRESTON, ID (U10)	Destination:	

Airport Information

Airport:	BANCROFT (US1)	Runway Surface Type:	Asphalt
Runway Used:	25	Runway Surface Condition:	Snow--dry
Runway Length/Width:	2500 ft / 25 ft		

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None

Latitude, Longitude:

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	WALLACE L STRIPLING	Adopted Date:	
Investigation Docket:	NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at pubinq@ntsb.gov , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/ .		

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