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Who: Juliet Sheridan – Pilot's Daughter

In an email, Ms. Sheridan stated the following:

We had a chance to get Dad's memory of his flight and subsequent crash for the FAA report. Thank you so much for submitting the report and working with the administrator.

Here's his account:

I was taking the plane out for its first voyage. I had worked with Stoney Truett on Tuesday, who had taken up the plane to tell me about difficult or unexpected behavior that it may have. I was gonna try to follow what he did. So the first circle of the landing pattern I did was with the engine up and idling, and was able to land the plane successfully then. And at that point then I took off and went up and I was gonna try a pure glider landing. So, during the downwind segment of the flight, I stowed the engine and got ready for the landing of the glider. I got to about 900 feet, and that's usually where I'll make my turn into base path, and turned and I realized I was coming in high at that point, so I put out the spoilers and was losing altitude that way. I realized that I needed a little more help, so I slipped the plane once and rechecked my position and slipped the plane a second time to lower my altitude even more. At that point, I was starting over the runway and then when I slipped the plane the third time, the nose dropped and I went into the ground within seconds.