

SMALL FRANK H  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SMALL FRANK H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
[SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/25/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP of Bank

SANDY SPRING BANCORP,  
INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

OLNEY, MD 20832

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/25/2009		A	5,516 A \$ 0	5,516	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock					10,350	D	
Common Stock					4,946	I	401(k)
Common Stock					601	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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Common Stock	900	D <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	1,250	D <u>(3)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.21					12/15/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/15/2009	Common Stock	6,750
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.54					12/13/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/13/2010	Common Stock	12,001
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.25					12/21/2001 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/21/2011	Common Stock	6,400
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/11/2012	Common Stock	8,350
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/17/2013	Common Stock	10,325

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Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38	12/15/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/15/2014	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13	12/14/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/14/2012	Common Stock	11,875
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4	12/13/2007 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/13/2013	Common Stock	7,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96	03/26/2009 <sup>(5)</sup>	03/26/2015	Common Stock	5,750

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMALL FRANK H SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832			EVP of Bank	

## Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr.  
Small

03/27/2009

        \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

        Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on December 13, 2007.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on March 26, 2009.
- (4) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.
- (5) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.

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