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April 25, 2007

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF  
REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-00248  
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THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 1140, Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Lawrence L. Hooper, Jr.  
The Adams Express Company  
7 Saint Paul Street  
Suite 1140  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 410-752-5900

Date of fiscal year end: December 31, 2006

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2006

Item 1: SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
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September 30, 2006  
(unaudited)

Shares      Value (A)  
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Stocks and Convertible Securities -- 96.1%

Consumer -- 17.6%

Consumer Discretionary -- 7.6%

BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. (B)      500,000 \$ 14,590,000

Health Care -- 12.9%

Abbott Laboratories  
Advanced Medical Optics,  
Inc. (B) (C)

Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

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Clear Channel Communications, Inc.	350,000	10,097,500	Caremark Rx Inc.
Comcast Corp. (B)	365,000	13,450,250	Genentech, Inc. (B)
Gannett Co., Inc.	112,500	6,393,375	Johnson & Johnson
Harley-Davidson, Inc.	200,000	12,550,000	Laboratory Corp. of America
Newell Rubbermaid Inc.	400,000	11,328,000	Holdings (B)
OSI Restaurant Partners, Inc.	315,000	9,988,650	MedImmune, Inc. (B)
Ryland Group Inc. (C)	50,000	2,160,500	Medtronic, Inc.
Target Corp.	350,000	19,337,500	Pfizer Inc.
		-----	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries
		99,895,775	Ltd. ADR
		-----	Wyeth Co.
Consumer Staples -- 10.1%			Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (B)
Avon Products, Inc.	430,000	13,183,800	
Bunge Ltd. (C)	235,000	13,618,250	Industrials -- 12.7%
Coca-Cola Co.	200,000	8,936,000	Cintas Corp.
Dean Foods Co. (B)	350,000	14,707,000	Curtiss-Wright Corp.
Del Monte Foods Co.	1,115,000	11,651,750	Donnelley (R.R.) & Sons Co. (C)
PepsiCo, Inc.	400,000	26,104,000	Emerson Electric Co.
Procter & Gamble Co.	340,000	21,073,200	Essex Corp. (B)
Safeway Inc.	423,000	12,838,050	General Electric Co.
Unilever plc ADR	550,000	13,645,500	Illinois Tool Works Inc.
		-----	Masco Corp. (C)
		135,757,550	3M Co.
		-----	United Parcel Service, Inc.
Energy -- 11.0%			United Technologies Corp.
BP plc ADR	95,000	6,230,100	
ConocoPhillips	345,000	20,537,850	Information Technology -- 12.9%
ENSCO International, Inc.	134,150	5,879,795	Communication Equipment -- 1.9%
Exxon Mobil Corp.	215,000	14,426,500	Avaya Inc. (B)
Marathon Oil Co.	120,000	9,228,000	Corning Inc. (B)
Murphy Oil Corp.	38,500	1,830,675	Lucent Technologies Inc. (B)
Petroleum & Resources Corporation (D)	1,985,996	64,902,349	
Schlumberger Ltd.	380,000	23,571,400	Computer Related -- 9.1%
		-----	Automatic Data Processing
		146,606,669	Inc.
		-----	BEA Systems, Inc. (B)
Financials -- 17.8%			Cisco Systems, Inc. (B)
Banking -- 13.9%			Dell Inc. (B)
BankAtlantic Bancorp, Inc.	880,000	12,513,600	Microsoft Corp.
Bank of America Corp.	610,000	32,677,700	Oracle Corp. (B)
Bank of New York Co., Inc. (The)	375,000	13,222,500	
Compass Bancshares Inc.	300,000	17,094,000	Electronics -- 1.9%
Fifth Third Bancorp (C)	280,000	10,662,400	Cree, Inc. (B) (C)
Investors Financial Services Corp. (C)	382,500	16,478,100	Intel Corp.
Morgan Stanley	200,000	14,582,000	Soletron Corp. (B)
Wachovia Corp.	470,000	26,226,000	
Wells Fargo & Co.	650,000	23,517,000	
Wilmington Trust Corp.	420,000	18,711,000	
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		185,684,300	
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Insurance -- 3.9%			
AMBAC Financial Group, Inc.	240,000	19,860,000	
American International Group, Inc.	500,000	33,130,000	
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		52,990,000	
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

September 30, 2006  
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	Shares	Value (A)	
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Materials -- 4.9%			Short-Term Investments -- 3.3%
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	250,000	\$ 16,592,500	U.S. Government Obligations -- 1.2%
du Pont (E.I.) de Nemours and Co.	360,000	15,422,400	U.S. Treasury Bills, 4.98%, due 11/16/06
Florida Rock Industries Inc.	200,000	7,742,000	Time Deposit -- 0.0%
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	83,000	7,023,460	J.P. Morgan, 4.63%, due 10/2/06
Rohm & Haas Co.	400,000	18,940,000	Commercial Paper -- 2.1%
		-----	American General Finance, Inc., 5.24%, due 10/3/06 - 10/31/06
		65,720,360	Chevron Funding Co., 5.19- 5.20%, due 10/3/06 - 10/26/06
Telecom Services -- 3.0%		-----	General Electric Capital Corp., 5.23%, due 10/10/06 - 10/17/06
Alltel Corp.	300,000	16,650,000	Toyota Motor Credit Corp., 5.20- 5.23%, due 10/5/06 - 10/19/06
AT&T Corp.	595,000	19,373,200	
Windstream Corp.	310,178	4,091,248	
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		40,114,448	
Utilities -- 3.3%		-----	
Aqua America, Inc. (C)	608,000	13,339,520	
Duke Energy Corp.	611,560	18,469,112	
MDU Resources Group, Inc.	562,500	12,566,250	
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		44,374,882	
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Total Stocks and Convertible Securities			
(Cost \$918,292,437) (E)		\$1,286,142,902	
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			Total Short-Term Investments
			(Cost \$44,281,402)
			Securities Lending Collateral -- 5.0%
			Brown Brothers Investment Trust, 5.25%, due 10/2/06
			Total Securities Lending Collateral
			(Cost \$66,863,737)
			Total Investments -- 104.4%
			(Cost \$1,029,437,576)
			Cash, receivables, prepaid

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expenses and other assets, less liabilities -- (4.4)%

Net Assets -- 100%

Notes:

- (A) See note 1 to financial statements. Securities are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ.
- (B) Presently non-dividend paying.
- (C) Some of the shares of this company are on loan. See note 8 to financial statements.
- (D) Non-controlled affiliate, a closed-end sector fund, registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- (E) The aggregate market value of stocks held in escrow at September 30, 2006 covering open call option contracts written was \$21,037,760. In addition, the aggregate market value of securities segregated by the Company's custodian required to collateralize open put option contracts written was \$14,884,000.

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SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING OPTION CONTRACTS

September 30, 2006  
(unaudited)

Contracts (100 shares each)	Security	Strike Price	Contract Expiration Date	Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
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COVERED CALLS

100	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.....	\$ 75	Dec 06	\$ 8,700
100	AMBAC Financial Group, Inc.....	85	Nov 06	9,439
100	AMBAC Financial Group, Inc.....	90	Jan 07	8,699
100	AMBAC Financial Group, Inc.....	90	Feb 07	12,199
200	American International Group, Inc...	70	Feb 07	(7,601)
100	Avon Products, Inc.....	35	Oct 06	9,200
200	Bunge Ltd.....	65	Jan 07	(1,601)
100	Caremark Rx Inc.....	60	Oct 06	6,200
100	Caremark Rx Inc.....	60	Dec 06	(1,800)
100	Caremark Rx Inc.....	65	Jan 07	2,700
100	Dean Foods Co.....	40	Dec 06	(20,800)
100	Harley-Davidson, Inc.....	65	Jan 07	(8,301)
250	Harley-Davidson, Inc.....	65	Feb 07	(47,626)
100	Investors Financial Services Corp...	50	Oct 06	11,450
100	Investors Financial Services Corp...	55	Oct 06	14,324
100	Investors Financial Services Corp...	50	Jan 07	12,199
200	Investors Financial Services Corp...	55	Jan 07	19,399
100	Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings	70	Nov 06	4,200
150	Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings	72.50	Nov 06	15,299

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200	Marathon Oil Co.....	100	Jan	07	24,171
80	Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.....	140	Oct	06	13,759
100	Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.....	100	Jan	07	(3,801)
100	Morgan Stanley.....	75	Jan	07	(12,800)
100	Murphy Oil Corp.....	55	Oct	06	12,700
200	Ryland Group Inc.....	60	Jan	07	10,399
100	Target Corp.....	55	Jan	07	(58,301)
100	United Technologies Corp.....	70	Jan	07	3,200
100	Zimmer Holdings, Inc.....	80	Jan	07	5,267
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3,480					40,873
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COLLATERALIZED PUTS

150	Avon Products, Inc.....	25	Jan	07	12,300
150	Cintas Corp.....	35	Nov	06	15,299
100	ENSCO International, Inc.....	40	Oct	06	6,700
200	ENSCO International, Inc.....	45	Oct	06	(17,523)
250	ENSCO International, Inc.....	40	Dec	06	(10,751)
150	Exxon Mobil Corp.....	52.50	Oct	06	14,550
100	Florida Rock Industries Inc.....	35	Dec	06	6,949
200	Florida Rock Industries Inc.....	30	Jan	07	10,399
250	Intel Corp.....	17.50	Oct	06	22,999
100	Marathon Oil Co.....	75	Oct	06	(5,300)
100	Marathon Oil Co.....	67.50	Jan	07	(8,800)
200	Masco Corp.....	25	Jan	07	2,399
250	MedImmune, Inc.....	25	Dec	06	20,499
200	Medtronic, Inc.....	42.50	Nov	06	9,399
100	Procter & Gamble Co.....	55	Oct	06	8,700
250	Ryland Group Inc.....	30	Oct	06	22,999
150	Ryland Group Inc.....	35	Oct	06	12,299
100	Ryland Group Inc.....	37.50	Oct	06	7,200
53	Ryland Group Inc.....	30	Jan	07	2,491
100	Target Corp.....	42.50	Oct	06	11,200
100	Target Corp.....	45	Oct	06	9,700
150	United Parcel Service, Inc.....	65	Oct	06	8,549
100	Wachovia Corp.....	50	Oct	06	12,200
200	Wachovia Corp.....	47.50	Jan	07	11,399
75	Zimmer Holdings, Inc.....	60	Dec	06	6,200
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3,778					192,056
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					\$232,929
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(SELECTED) NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

The Adams Express Company (the Company) is registered under the Investment Act of 1940 as a diversified investment company. The Company is an internally-managed fund whose investment objectives are preservation of capital, the attainment of reasonable income from investments, and an opportunity for capital appreciation.

Security Valuation-Investments in securities traded on a national security exchange are valued at the last reported sale price on the day of valuation. Over-the-counter and

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listed securities for which a sale price is not available are valued at the last quoted bid price. Short-term investments (excluding purchased options) are valued at amortized cost. Purchased and written options are valued at the last quoted asked price.

For federal income tax purposes, the identified cost of securities at September 30, 2006 was \$1,028,950,325 and net unrealized appreciation aggregated \$368,337,716, of which the related gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation were \$444,297,240 and \$75,959,524, respectively. time at such prices and amounts as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.

### 8. PORTFOLIO SECURITIES LOANED

The Company makes loans of securities to brokers, secured by cash deposits, U.S. Government securities, or bank letters of credit. The Company accounts for securities lending transactions as secured financing and receives compensation in the form of fees or retains a portion of interest on the investment of any cash received as collateral. The Company also continues to receive interest or dividends on the securities loaned. The loans are secured at all times by collateral of at least 102% of the fair value of the securities loaned plus accrued interest. Gain or loss in the fair value of the securities loaned that may occur during the term of the loan will be for the account of the Company. At September 30, 2006, the Company had securities on loan of \$65,171,190 and held collateral of \$66,863,737, consisting of an investment trust fund which may invest in money market instruments, commercial paper, repurchase agreements, U.S. Treasury Bills, and U.S. agency obligations.

### Item 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Conclusions of principal officers concerning controls and procedures:

(a) As of April 24, 2007, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the officers of The Adams Express Company (the "Company"), including the principal executive officer ("PEO") and principal financial officer ("PFO"), of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Company's officers, including the PEO and PFO, concluded that, as of April 24, 2007, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were reasonably designed so as to ensure: (1) that information required to be disclosed by the Company on Form N-Q is properly recorded, processed, and summarized in accordance with the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (2) that material information relating to the Company is made known to the PEO and PFO as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Prior to this evaluation, the Company uncovered a weakness in its disclosure controls and procedures that caused this Form N-Q, which was due to be filed on or before November 29, 2006, not to be filed timely. This weakness was primarily attributable to human error. The 2006 Third Quarter Report to stockholders, containing the exact

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portfolio information called for in this Form N-Q, was timely issued and filed; however the Company failed to file this Form N-Q by the due date. To prevent similar problems in the future, the Company has modified its computer-based reminder system to issue alerts to the appropriate personnel of the need to prepare and file the Forms N-Q several times during the 60 day period for the filing.

(b) There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30 a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the Company's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. EXHIBITS.

The certifications of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 are attached hereto as Form N-Q Certifications.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY

BY: /s/ Douglas G. Ober  
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Douglas G. Ober  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 25, 2007

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

BY: /s/ Douglas G. Ober  
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Douglas G. Ober  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: April 25, 2007

BY: /s/ Maureen A. Jones  
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Maureen A. Jones  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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