

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bryant V Gail

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 PALMER STREET
(Street)

STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ESSA Bancorp, Inc. [ESSA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/08/2017		S	V Amount (D) Price 14,133 D \$ 15.5	17,268 ^{(2) (3)} <u>(4) (5)</u>	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2017		S	1,067 D \$ 15.5	16,201 ^{(2) (3)} <u>(4) (5)</u>	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2017		S	1 D \$ 15.5	16,200 ^{(2) (3)} <u>(4) (5)</u>	D	
Common Stock					34,744 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					2,600	I	As Custodian for child

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Common Stock	1,691	I	By IRA
Common Stock	10,498 ⁽¹⁾	I	By ESOP

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. Price or Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Stock Options	\$ 12.35					Date Exercisable: 05/23/2009 Expiration Date: 05/23/2018	Common Stock 26,505	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Bryant V Gail 200 PALMER STREET STROUDSBURG, PA 18360	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, pursuant to power of attorney
03/13/2017
**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) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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- (2) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2014.
- (3) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2015.
- (4) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2016.
- (5) Includes shares of restricted stock which vest at a rate of 25% per year commencing on September 30, 2017.

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