

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc.

Form 4

March 03, 2017

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Halle Richard

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY
VITAMIN COTTAGE, 12612 W.
ALAMEDA PARKWAY

(Street)

LAKEWOOD, CO 80228

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage,
Inc. [NGVC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2017

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)

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

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	03/02/2017		M	(A) or (D) A	2,941 (1) \$ 0 20,245	D	

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/01/2017		A	4,954	(3) (3)	Common Stock 4,954
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/02/2017		M	2,941	03/02/2017 03/02/2017	Common Stock 2,941

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Halle Richard C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE 12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY LAKEWOOD, CO 80228	X

Signatures

/s/ Kemper Isely, by Power of Attorney 03/03/2017

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) Represents shares of NGVC common stock issued to the reporting person upon the vesting of 2,941 restricted stock units on March 2, 2017, where each restricted stock unit represented the economic equivalent of one share of NGVC common stock.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NGVC common stock.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest on March 1, 2018 and will be settled in shares of NGVC common stock upon vesting.

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