STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

LIPKIN GERALD H

Form 4

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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

may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Symbol

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1455 VALL	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/28/2005						_X_ Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) CHAIRMAN PRESIDENT AND CEO				
	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
WAYNE, N							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Date, if Transaction Code		4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			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)
401K							, ,		1,412	D	
Common Stock	04/26/2005			G	V	2,500	D	\$0	263,399 (1)	D	
Common Stock (with Spouse)									107	D	
Common Stock / IRA									5,655	D	
Common Stock									5,299	I	IRA/WIFE

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Common 68,623 I **WIFE** Stock

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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	5. ionNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	s I	ite	7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	curities
				Code V	' (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 18.87					02/09/1999	02/09/2008	Common Stock	9,972
Stock Option	\$ 15.96					02/12/2001	02/12/2010	Common Stock	22,79
Stock Option	\$ 18.14					01/05/2000	01/05/2009	Common Stock	4,790
Stock Option	\$ 18.87					02/09/1999	02/09/2008	Common Stock	23,54:
Stock Option	\$ 23.27					03/01/2004	03/01/2013	Common Stock	19,29
Stock Option	\$ 24.22					02/15/2002	02/15/2012	Common Stock	1,187
Stock Option	\$ 26.74					02/26/2005	02/26/2014	Common Stock	21,000
Stock Option	\$ 26.79					02/08/2006	02/08/2015	Common Stock	20,00
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 20.2					02/08/2001	02/08/2011	COMMON STK.	23,15
STOCK	\$ 24.22					02/15/2002	02/15/2012	Common	20,86

OPTION/NQ Stock

Stock Option \$ 18.14 01/05/2000 01/05/2009 Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LIPKIN GERALD H 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-

CHAIRMAN PRESIDENT AND CEO

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Signatures

GERALD H LIPKIN 04/28/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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