

Burrus John E
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Burrus John E

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/10/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2010 | | S | 467 | D \$ 12.97 | 23,239 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2010 | | S | 308 | D \$ 12.99 | 22,931 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2010 | | S | 700 | D \$ 13 | 22,231 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 60 | I As custodian for grandchild 1 |

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|--------------|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 60 | I | As custodian for grandchild 2 |
| Common Stock | 60 | I | As custodian for grandchild 3 |
| Common Stock | 5,580 | I | By IRA |
| Common Stock | 3,540 | I | By spouse's IRA |

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Stock Options | \$ 12.35 | | | | | Date Exercisable: 05/23/2009 Expiration Date: 05/23/2018 | Common Stock | Amount or Number of Shares: 54,127 ⁽²⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Burrus John E 200 PALMER STREET | X | | | |

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Signatures

/s/ Marc P. Levy, Pursuant to Power of
Attorney

03/11/2010

__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) Includes shares of restricted stock that vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on May 23, 2009.
 - (2) Reflects stock options that vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on May 23, 2009.

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