

BESSETTE STEPHEN M
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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 *
BESSETTE STEPHEN M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**WASHINGTON TRUST
 BANCORP INC [WASH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
11 COBLEIGH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP Retail Lending

CHARLESTOWN, RI 02813

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2012		M	2,934 A \$ 20.03	8,334.65 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2012		F	2,370 D \$ 24.79	5,964.65	D	

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.03	02/17/2012		M	2,934	04/22/2002 04/22/2012	Common Stock	2,934
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20					05/12/2004 05/12/2013	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.81					06/13/2005 06/13/2015	Common Stock	3,800
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.16					12/12/2005 12/12/2015	Common Stock	3,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

/s/ Maria N. Janes,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/21/2012

**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) Balance reflects acquisitions pursuant to dividend reinvestments exempt from Form 4 reporting under Rule 16a-11.

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