

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 SMALL FRANK H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
 [SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 939 MAIN ST  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/24/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President of Ba

DEALE, MD 20751

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

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/24/2005		M	3,000 A \$ 12.33	3,000	D	
Common Stock					2,897	I	401(k)
Common Stock					147	I	Emp Stk Purchase Plan <sup>(1)</sup>

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)	\$ 12.33	10/24/2005		M	3,000	12/20/1995 12/20/2005	Common stock	3,000
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 11					12/18/1996 12/18/2006	Common stock	2,250
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 14.54					12/13/2000 12/13/2010	Common stock	12,001
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 16.42					12/17/1997 12/17/2007	Common stock	4,500
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 17.21					12/15/1999 12/15/2009	Common stock	6,750
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 20.33					12/16/1998 12/16/2008	Common stock	2,250
Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 12/11/2012	Common stock	8,350
Stock options	\$ 32.25					12/21/2001 12/21/2011	Common stock	6,400

(right to buy)

Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 38	12/15/2004	12/15/2014	Common stock	11,250
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Stock options (right to buy)	\$ 38.91	12/17/2003	12/17/2013	Common stock	10,325
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMALL FRANK H 939 MAIN ST DEALE, MD 20751			Executive Vice President of Ba	

## Signatures

Frank H Small                      10/25/2005

           \*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Voluntarily reported

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