

WILKS JEFFREY S
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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 *
WILKS JEFFREY S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
[VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1455 VALLEY ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2012

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

WAYNE, NJ 07470

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/01/2012		A		24,502	A	11	24,502	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2012		A		68,491	A	11	68,491	I	Wife
Common Stock	01/01/2012		A		11,242	A	11	11,242	I	Jeffrey Wilks as Trustee FBO Lise Spiegel
Common Stock	01/01/2012		A		9,539	A	11	9,539	I	Jeffrey Wilks as

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Common Stock	01/01/2012	A	9,539	A	(1)	9,539	I	Trustee FBO Andrew Jay Wilks Jeffrey Wilks as Trustee FBO Jack Philip Wilks
Common Stock	01/01/2012	A	9,434	A	(1)	9,434	I	Lise Wilks as Trustee FBO David Wilks
Common Stock	01/01/2012	A	2,493 ⁽¹⁾	A	(1)	2,493	I	Lise and Jeffrey Wilks Family Foundation
Common Stock	01/01/2012	A	263,287	A	(1)	263,287	I	Lise Wilks as Executor for the Estate of Jerry Spiegel
Common Stock	01/01/2012	A	85,197	A	(1)	85,197	I	Emily Spiegel
Common Stock	01/01/2012	A	2,260	A	(1)	2,260	I	Jerry Spiegel
Common Stock	01/01/2012	A	133,220	A	(1)	133,220	I	Lise Wilks as Executor for the Estate of Emily Spiegel

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Nu Deriv Secur
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 5)	Bene- Own- Follo- Repo- Trans- (Instr.
Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILKS JEFFREY S 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470		X		

Signatures

/s/ JEFFREY S.
WILKS
01/04/2012

**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).
- Shares acquired in connection with the merger of State Bancorp, Inc., with and into Valley National Bancorp pursuant to the Agreement (1) and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 28, 2011. On the effective date of the merger, January 1, 2012, the shareholders of State Bancorp, Inc., received a fixed one-for one exchange ratio for Valley National Bancorp common stock.

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