NOBLE DAVID J

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FORM 4

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

NOBLE DAVID J Issuer Symbol AMERICAN EQUITY (Check all applicable) INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL] _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction below) (Month/Day/Year) **Executive Chairman** 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY 06/27/2012 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266 Person (State) (City) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code Amount (D) Price Common 06/27/2012 \mathbf{C} 14,814 1,764,335 D Stock By Noble Common 06/27/2012 \mathbf{C} 7,407 7,407 Ι Charitable Stock Trust

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
American Equity Capital Trust 1 8% TP	\$ 8.1	06/27/2012		С	\$ 120,000	09/30/2002	09/30/2029	Common Stock	14,81
American Equity Capital Trust I 8% TP	\$ 8.1	06/27/2012		С	\$ 60,000	09/30/2002	09/30/2029	Common Stock	7,407

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NOBLE DAVID J 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	X		Executive Chairman			
Signatures						

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of 06/29/2012 Attorney

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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