

Burrus John E
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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

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

STROUDSBURG, PA 18360

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/20/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chairman of the Board

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)
Common Stock	08/20/2012		S	V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 10.46	16,881 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					60	I	As custodian for grandchild 1
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 Value 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 STROUDSBURG, PA 18360	X			Chairman of the Board

Signatures

/s/ Marc Levy, pursuant to power of attorney
08/22/2012

**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) 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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