

SMALL FRANK H  
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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 \*  
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)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President of th

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
SMALL, FRANK H., 17801  
GEORGIA AVENUE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2004

OLNEY, MD 20850

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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)	Price		
Common Stock					2,897	I	401K
Common Stock					74	I	By Wife
Common Stock					147	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 11.09					12/18/1996	12/18/2006	Common Stock	2,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.33					12/20/1995	12/20/2005	Common Stock	3,000
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 (Right to buy)	\$ 32.25				12/21/2001	12/21/2011	Common Stock	6,400
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38	12/15/2004	A	11,250	12/15/2004	12/15/2014	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.91				12/17/2003	12/17/2013	Common Stock	10,325

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMALL FRANK H SMALL, FRANK H. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20850			Executive Vice President of th	

## Signatures

/s/ Theresa A. Cornish  
by POA

12/17/2004

\_\_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).

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