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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 29, 2004

CARVER BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-21487 (Commission File Number)	13-3904147 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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75 WEST 125TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10027-4512

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 876-4747

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 12. NOT APPLICABLE.

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.

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(a) EXECUTION OF MERGER AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENCE FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK

On March 15, 2004, Carver Bancorp, Inc. ("Carver"), Carver Federal Savings Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Carver ("CFSB"), and Independence Federal Savings Bank ("Independence") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"). CFSB will acquire Independence pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1. Also attached are the joint press release issued by Carver and Independence on March 15, 2004 announcing the execution of the Merger Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and the written text of a press briefing given by Carver on March 16, 2004 regarding the proposed transaction, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Report:

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 15, 2004, by and between Carver Bancorp, Inc., Carver Federal Savings Bank and Independence Federal Savings Bank.
- 99.1 Joint press release, dated March 15, 2004, announcing the execution of the Agreement and Plan of Merger.
- 99.2 Written text of a press briefing given by Carver on March 16, 2004 regarding the proposed transaction.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CARVER BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Deborah C. Wright

Deborah C. Wright
President and Chief Executive Officer

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