

RUCKRIEGEL ROBERT L
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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 *
RUCKRIEGEL ROBERT L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GERMAN AMERICAN BANCORP
[GABC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
14 KEYSTONE CT

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/15/2004

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

JASPER, IN 47546

(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 or Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
COMMON STOCK	09/02/2004		J ⁽²⁾	V	153,762	D	<u>(2)</u> 179,648.2154 <u>(1)</u>	I Mr. Ruckriegel's Limited Partnerships
COMMON STOCK	09/02/2004		J ⁽²⁾	V	48,435	A	<u>(2)</u> 110,792.6188 <u>(1)</u>	D
COMMON STOCK	09/02/2004		J ⁽²⁾	V	46,735	A	<u>(2)</u> 47,354.0797 <u>(1)</u>	I Mr. Ruckriegel's spouse
COMMON STOCK	09/02/2004		J ⁽²⁾	V	28,446	A	<u>(2)</u> 28,446	I Mr. Ruckriegel's

COMMON STOCK	09/02/2004		J ⁽²⁾	V	28,446	A	28,446	I	2003 GRAT Mr. Ruckriegel's Spouse's 2003 GRAT
COMMON STOCK	09/02/2004		J ⁽²⁾	V	1,700	A	1,700	I	Mr. Ruckriegel's Spouse's 5-1-98 GRAT
COMMON STOCK	09/15/2004	09/17/2004	P		28.4091	A	\$ 396,415.323 17.6 ⁽³⁾	D	

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				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
RUCKRIEGEL ROBERT L 14 KEYSTONE CT JASPER, IN 47546		X		

Signatures

MARK A SCHROEDER POA FOR ROBERT L
RUCKRIEGEL

10/20/2004

__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).
- (1) Includes shares acquired pursuant to German American Bancorp's Dividend Reinvestment Plan
- (2) Transfer of shares from Ruckriegel Associates # 1 LP, a limited partnership of which Mr. Ruckriegel and his spouse are the sole partners to Mr. Ruckriegel, his 2003 GRAT, Mr. Ruckriegel's spouse and her 2003 GRAT and her 5-1-98 GRAT.
Column 5 includes 47,354.0797 shares owned by Mr. Ruckriegel's spouse, 179,648.2154 shares held by limited partnerships controlled
- (3) by Mr. Ruckriegel and his spouse, 28,446 shares held by Mr. Ruckriegel in a 2003 GRAT, 28,446 shares held by Mr. Ruckriegel's spouse in a 2003 GRAT, and 1,700 shares held by Mr. Ruckriegel's spouse in a 5-1-98 GRAT.

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