

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Isely Kemper

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc. [NGVC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/21/2015

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman & Co-President / 13D Group Member

LAKEWOOD, CO 80228

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2015                           |  | G                              | 1,000 D   | \$ 0 (1)  | 3,106,402  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2015                           |  | G                              | 1,000 D   | \$ 0 (2)  | 3,105,402  | 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                         |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                         |                  |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other            |
| Isely Kemper<br>12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY<br>LAKEWOOD, CO 80228 | X             | X         | Chairman & Co-President | 13D Group Member |

## Signatures

/s/ Kemper Isely 12/21/2015

\_\_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) No price is entered because the transaction is a bona fide gift of Common Stock to Raquel M. Isely.
- (2) No price is entered because the transaction is a bona fide gift of Common Stock to Anthony Andueza, as Custodian for Ritchie K. Isely under the Colorado Uniform Transfers to Minors Act.

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