

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Grensteiner Ronald James

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/10/2016

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

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266
 (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)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/10/2016		A	8,311 (1)	\$ 0 79,428	D	
Common Stock					8,833	I	By ESOP (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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