

MASON WILLIAM R  
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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 \*  
 MASON WILLIAM R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP  
 [AM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE AMERICAN ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/28/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

CLEVELAND, OH 44144  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Shares				(A) or (D)	1,060	I	By Joint Ten w/Wife

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)**

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 22.65	02/28/2009		D <sup>(2)</sup>		22,000	05/15/2007 05/15/2016	Class A Common Shares	22,000
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 24.73	02/28/2009		D <sup>(3)</sup>		22,000	05/16/2006 05/16/2015	Class A Common Shares	22,000
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 25.57	02/28/2009		D <sup>(4)</sup>		22,000	05/02/2008 05/02/2017	Class A Common Shares	22,000
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 18.12	02/28/2009		D <sup>(5)</sup>		22,000	05/01/2009 05/01/2018	Class A Common Shares	22,000
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 22.65	02/28/2009		A <sup>(2)</sup>		22,000	05/15/2007 02/29/2012	Class A Common Shares	22,000
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 24.73	02/28/2009		A <sup>(3)</sup>		22,000	05/16/2006 02/29/2012	Class A Common Shares	22,000
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 25.57	02/28/2009		A <sup>(4)</sup>		22,000	05/02/2008 02/29/2012	Class A Common Shares	22,000
Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 18.12	02/28/2009		A <sup>(5)</sup>		22,000	05/01/2009 02/29/2012	Class A Common Shares	22,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MASON WILLIAM R ONE AMERICAN ROAD CLEVELAND, OH 44144			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Catherine M. Kilbane, Power of Attorney fo William R.  
Mason

03/03/2009

\_\_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) Pursuant to a separation agreement dated July 15, 2008 between Mr. Mason and American Greetings Corporation, Mr. Mason's outstanding options will continue to vest and be exercisable until February 29, 2012, rather than terminate as of February 28, 2009 (his date of separation) with respect to unvested options and 90 days from his date of separation with respect to his vested options. Such a change results in a deemed cancellation of his original option grants and grants of replacement options therefor.

(2) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the original option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on May 15, 2006, and provides for vesting in two equal annual installments commencing May 15, 2007.

(3) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the original option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on May 16, 2005, and provides for vesting in two equal annual installments commencing May 16, 2006.

(4) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the original option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on May 2, 2007, and provides for vesting in two equal annual installments commencing May 2, 2008.

(5) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the original option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on May 1, 2008, and provides for vesting in two equal annual installments commencing May 1, 2009.

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