

Ameris Bancorp
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FORM 4

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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 *
STERN WILLIAM H

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 PO BOX 3668
 (Street)
 MOULTRIE, GA 31776
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Ameris Bancorp [ABCB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/18/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/18/2016		A	1,613 (1) A \$ 0	14,630.7157 (2) (3)	D	
Common Stock					2,337	I	Children
Common Stock					337	I	Spouse
Common Stock					2,777	I	Family Trust
Common Stock					234	I	Family Foundation
	11/23/2016		G	V 993 D \$ 0		D	

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Common Stock 14,766.8844
(3)

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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STERN WILLIAM H PO BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776		X		

Signatures

William H. Stern by Angela A. Redd, attorney in fact 11/30/2016
 **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) Restricted stock grant pursuant to the Ameris Bancorp 2014 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan, vesting on the earlier of (i) May 18, 2017 and (ii) the date of the 2017 annual shareholder's meeting.
- (2) This total includes 520.8935 shares acquired by the reporting person as a participant in an employee stock purchase dividend reinvestment plan.

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- (3) This total includes 1129.1687 shares acquired by the reporting person as a participant in an employee stock purchase dividend reinvestment plan.

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