

BESSETTE STEPHEN M  
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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 \*  
**BESSETTE STEPHEN M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WASHINGTON TRUST  
 BANCORP INC [WASH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**11 COBLEIGH STREET**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/12/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP Retail Lending**

**CHARLESTOWN, RI 02813**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,500   | 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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)                 |   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |                            |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 15.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/15/2000 05/15/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 5,11                       |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 17.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/17/1999 05/17/2009                                    | Common Stock  | 4,20                       |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 17.8  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/23/2001 04/23/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 4,63                       |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 18.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/15/1997 12/15/2007                                    | Common Stock  | 2,49                       |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 20  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/12/2004 05/12/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 4,50                       |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 20.03   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/22/2002 04/22/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 4,34                       |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 26.81   |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/13/2005 06/13/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 3,80                       |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 28.16   | 12/12/2005                           |  | A                              | 3,800   | 12/12/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/12/2015 <sup>(1)</sup>      | Common Stock  | 3,80                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| BESSETTE STEPHEN M<br>11 COBLEIGH STREET<br>CHARLESTOWN, RI 02813 |               |           | EVP Retail Lending |       |

## Signatures

|  |            |
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| David V. Devault EVP, Secretary, Treasurer,<br>CFO-POA | 12/14/2005 |
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\_\_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) These options were granted under The Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc.'s 1997 Equity Incentive Plan and will expire 10 years after the date the options were granted. 100% of the total options granted are exercisable on the grant date.

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