

EDWARDS JON S

Form 4

March 22, 2012

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
EDWARDS JON S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. 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)
03/20/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP & Chief Credit Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	03/20/2012		A	Amount (1) 7,600 Price (2) \$ 13.15	40,537.9219 (2)	D	
Common					12	I	Spouse

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
EDWARDS JON S P.O. BOX 3668 MOULTRIE, GA 31776	EVP & Chief Credit Officer

Signatures

Jon S. Edwards, by Cara P. Horne, Attorney
In Fact 03/22/2012

__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).
- Restricted stock grant pursuant to the Ameris Bancorp Omnibus Stock Ownership and Long-Term Incentive Plan, vesting on March 20,
- (1) 2016 based upon the achievement of annual performance; provided, however, that vesting shall be limited by any restrictions applicable to participants in the Troubled Assets Relief Program.
- (2) This total includes 84.7689 shares acquired by the reporting person as a participant in an employee stock purchase dividend reinvestment plan.

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