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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 *
SMALL FRANK H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
[SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President of th

(Last) (First) (Middle)
SMALL, FRANK H., 17801
GEORGIA AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2004

OLNEY, MD 20850

(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
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,897 | I | 401K |
| Common Stock | | | | | 74 | I | By Wife |
| Common Stock | | | | | 147 | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 11.09 | | | | | 12/18/1996 12/18/2006 | Common Stock 2,250 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 12.33 | | | | | 12/20/1995 12/20/2005 | Common Stock 3,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 14.54 | | | | | 12/13/2000 12/13/2010 | Common Stock 12,001 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 16.42 | | | | | 12/17/1997 12/17/2007 | Common Stock 4,500 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 17.21 | | | | | 12/15/1999 12/15/2009 | Common Stock 6,750 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 20.33 | | | | | 12/16/1998 12/16/2008 | Common Stock 2,250 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 31.25 | | | | | 12/11/2002 12/11/2012 | Common Stock 8,350 |

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|------------------------------|----------|------------|---|--------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 32.25 | | | | 12/21/2001 | 12/21/2011 | Common Stock | 6,400 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 38 | 12/15/2004 | A | 11,250 | 12/15/2004 | 12/15/2014 | Common Stock | 11,250 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 38.91 | | | | 12/17/2003 | 12/17/2013 | Common Stock | 10,325 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMALL FRANK H SMALL, FRANK H. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20850 | | | Executive Vice President of th | |

Signatures

/s/ Theresa A. Cornish
by POA

12/17/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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