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ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form SC 13G  
February 05, 2008

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment \_\_)\*

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

29667D104

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2007

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 Names of Reporting Persons

ESSA Bank & Trust Foundation

2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_

3 SEC Use Only

4 Citizenship or Place of Organization  
State of Delaware

Number of Shares 5 Sole Voting Power  
Beneficially Owned by  
Each Reporting Person 1,110,900  
With:

6 Shared Voting Power  
0

7 Sole Dispositive Power  
1,110,900

8 Shared Dispositive Power  
0

9 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,110,900

10 Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)

11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9

6.5% of 16,980,900 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of  
December 31, 2007.

12 Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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Item 1

- (a) Name of Issuer  
ESSA Bancorp, Inc.
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices  
200 Palmer Street  
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18360

Item 2

- (a) Name of Person Filing  
ESSA Bank & Trust Foundation
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office  
200 Palmer Street  
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18360
- (c) Citizenship or Place of Organization  
State of Delaware
- (d) Title of Class of Securities  
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
- (e) CUSIP Number  
29667D104

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to ss.ss.240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b, or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Items (a) - (j) are not applicable.

Item 4.

Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,110,900.
- (b) Percent of class: 6.5%.
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

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- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,110,900. However, pursuant to the Foundation's Certificate of Incorporation, the shares must be voted in the same ratio as all other shares of common stock on all proposals considered by stockholders.

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(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
1,110,900.

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition  
of: 0.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another  
Person

Not applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which  
Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding  
Company

Not applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my  
knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were  
not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the  
effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of  
the securities and were not acquired and are not held in  
connection with or as a participant in any transaction having  
that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I  
certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and  
correct.

February 4, 2008

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Date

/s/ Suzie T. Farley

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Signature

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Suzie T. Farley, Treasurer and Secretary

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Name and Title