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Form 3 H Reported	oldings Section 17(a		· ·	_	_		935 or Section	n			
Form 4		30(h) of the	Investment C	ompany A	Act of	f 1940					
Transaction Reported	ons										
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Per							Reporting Pers	son(s) to			
NOBLE DA	AVID J	·	Symbol				Issuer				
			AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]				(Check all applicable)				
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(Last)	(First) (N	Middle) 3. State	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended				_X Director _X Officer (give		Owner er (specify		
							below) below) Executive Chairman				
6000 MIEGE			/2014				Exec	utive Chairman			
6000 WES	TOWN PARKWA	ΛΥ									
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting				
		rned(r	Month/Day/Tear)				(checl	k applicable line)			
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266 _X_Form Filed by One Reporting Person											
								fore than One Reporting			
(City)	(State)	(Zip) T.									
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta				_	red, Disposed of				
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect		
(Instr. 3)	(Wolldin Day/ Tear)	any	Code				Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial		
	(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)					Owned at end of Issuer's	(D) or Indirect (I)	Ownership (Instr. 4)			
					(4)		Fiscal Year	(Instr. 4)	(IIISU: 4)		
					(A)		(Instr. 3 and				
_				Amount	(D)	Price	4)				
Common Stock	06/04/2014	Â	G	13,350	D	\$0	1,554,513	D	Â		
Common	12/31/2014	Â	J	517 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 24.6	1,555,030	D	Â		
Stock											
Common Stock	12/31/2014	Â	J	517 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 24.6	5,124	I	By ESOP		

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Stock

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)	(Month/Day/Year) rivative curities quired) or sposed (D) str. 3,		Amou Unde Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O E I I S (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
-	Director 10% Owner		Officer	Other			
NOBLE DAVID J 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	ÂX	Â	Executive Chairman	Â			

Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of 02/13/2015 Attorney

> **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) ESOP shares distributed to filer.

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