

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
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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 \*  
 Little Pamela A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SANDY SPRING BANCORP,  
 INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

(Street)

OLNEY, MD 20832

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/26/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	03/26/2008		A	280	A	\$ 0	840	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock							1,203	D	
Common Stock							900	I	By Ira
Common Stock							215	I	By Stock Award <sup>(2)</sup>

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96	03/26/2008		A	1,251	03/26/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> 03/26/2015	Common Stock	1,251
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/14/2012	Common Stock	788
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4					12/13/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/13/2013	Common Stock	1,251

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Little Pamela A SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Ms. Little 03/28/2008

\_\_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) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.
- (2) Stock Awards granted pursuant to the Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in five annual installments commencing on December 13, 2007.
- (3) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.

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