

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K  
March 25, 2014

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 25, 2014**

**Ameris Bancorp**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Georgia**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-13901**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**58-1456434**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**31768**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 25, 2014, Ameris Bancorp (the Company ) issued a press release announcing the redemption, as of March 24, 2014, of the remaining 28,000 shares of the Company's Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A, that were originally issued under the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated March 25, 2014

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer (principal accounting  
and financial officer)

Dated: March 25, 2014

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit<br>No. | Exhibit                            |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1           | Press release dated March 25, 2014 |