

Johnson Ted Morris
Form 4
April 08, 2011

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Johnson Ted Morris

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AMERICAN EQUITY
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING
CO [AEL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Vice President-Controller

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/06/2011

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	04/06/2011		M		30,000	A \$ 9.67	40,161 D
Common Stock	04/06/2011		F		3,000	D \$ 13.24	37,161 D
Common Stock	04/06/2011		F		100	D \$ 13.2401	37,061 D
Common Stock	04/06/2011		F		2,000	D \$ 13.245	35,061 D
Common Stock	04/06/2011		F		1,600	D \$ 13.25	33,461 D

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Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	100	D	\$ 13.255	33,361	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	6,800	D	\$ 13.26	26,561	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	1,000	D	\$ 13.265	25,561	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	2,100	D	\$ 13.27	23,461	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	700	D	\$ 13.275	22,761	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	1,500	D	\$ 13.28	21,261	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	2,800	D	\$ 13.285	18,461	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	3,000	D	\$ 13.29	15,461	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	200	D	\$ 13.295	15,261	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	1,600	D	\$ 13.3	13,661	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	200	D	\$ 13.301	13,461	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	100	D	\$ 13.305	13,361	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	F	3,200	D	\$ 13.31	10,161	D

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)		Title

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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Am or Nun of S
Options-Right to Buy	\$ 9.67	04/06/2011	M	30,000	06/30/2002	12/31/2011	Common Stock	30	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson Ted Morris 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266			Vice President-Controller	

Signatures

Ted M. Johnson
04/08/2011
 **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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