Maine (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or	Camden, Maine 04843 (Address of Principal Executive	01-0413282 (IRS Employer Identification
	Two Elm Street	
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)		
CAMDEN NATIONAL CORPORATION		
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933		
UNDER		
REGISTRATION STATEMENT		
FORM S-8		
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549		
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION		
Registration No. 333-		
As theu with the Securities and Exchange Commission	on on way 29, 2012	
As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission	on on May 20 2012	
Form S-8 May 29, 2012		
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CAMDEN NATIONAL CORPORATION

2012 EQUITY AND INCENTIVE PLAN

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Gregory	Α.	Dufour	

President and Chief Executive Officer

Camden National Corporation

Two Elm Street

Camden, Maine 04843

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

With copies to:

William P. Mayer, Esq.

Paul W. Lee, Esq.

Goodwin Procter LLP

53 State Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02109

(617) 570-1000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company.

Large Accelerated Filer " Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer "Smaller Reporting Company"

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Amount	Proposed	Proposed	
Title of Securities	Amount to be	Maximum	Maximum	Amount of
to be Registered	to be	Offering Price	Aggregate	Registration Fee
C	Registered(1)	Per Share(2)	Offering Price(2)	
Common stock, no par value	800,000	\$31.815	\$25,452,000	\$2,916.80

This Registration Statement relates to 800,000 shares of common stock, no par value ("Common Stock"), of Camden National Corporation (the "Company") that may be issued under the Camden National Corporation 2012 Equity and Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), plus such indeterminate number of additional shares of Common Stock as may be required pursuant to the Plan in the event of a stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar event.

This estimate is made pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), solely for the purpose of determining the amount of the registration fee. The registration fee is based upon the average of the high and low sales prices for a share of the Company's Common Stock on May 23, 2012, as reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market.

PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.*

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.*

* The document containing the information specified in this Part I will be sent or given to employees as specified by Rule 428(b)(1). Such document need not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this form, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference.

The documents listed below, which have previously been filed by Camden National Corporation (the "Company") with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, filed with the Commission on March 2, 2012;
- (b) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, filed with the Commission on May 9, 2012;
- (c) Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on January 31, 2012, February 2, 2012, March 27, 2012, March 27, 2012, April 24, 2012, April 24, 2012, May 3, 2012 and May 8, 2012; and

(d) The description of Camden's Common Stock contained in its Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on August 1, 1997 under Section 12 of the Exchange Act and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents subsequently filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, on or after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Under Sections 851 et. seq. of the Maine Business Corporation Act, and except to the extent broader indemnification is authorized by a corporation's articles of incorporation, a corporation generally may indemnify an individual who is a party to a proceeding because that individual is a director of the corporation against liability incurred in the proceeding if the individual's conduct was in good faith and the individual reasonably believed (i) in the case of conduct in the individual's capacity as director, that the individual's conduct was in the best interests of the corporation (or participants in an employee benefit plan of the corporation with respect to service thereto); (ii) in all other cases, that the individual's conduct was at least not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; and (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the individual had no reasonable cause to believe the individual's conduct was unlawful. Unless ordered by a court to do so, however, a corporation may not indemnify one of its directors (1) in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation, except for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding if it is determined that the director has met the relevant standard of conduct set forth above; or (2) in connection with any proceeding with respect to conduct for which the director was adjudged liable on the basis that the director received a financial benefit to which the director was not entitled, whether or not involving action in the director's official capacity. Under the Maine Business Corporation Act, a corporation shall indemnify a director who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the director was a party because the director was a director of the corporation against reasonable expenses incurred by the director in connection with the proceeding. Under the Maine Business Corporation Act, a corporation generally may indemnify and advance expenses to an officer of the corporation who is a party to a proceeding because that officer is an officer of the corporation to the same extent as a director and, in the case of an officer who is not a director, to such further extent as may be provided the corporation's articles of incorporation, bylaws, a resolution of the corporation's Board of Directors or a contract, except no indemnification may be made to such a person for (1) liability in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation other than for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding or (2) liability arising out of conduct that constitutes (a) receipt by the officer of a financial benefit to which the officer is not entitled; (b) an intentional infliction of harm on the corporation or its shareholders; or (c) an intentional violation of criminal law.

The Company's bylaws provide that the Company shall indemnify any director for liability to any person or for any action taken or for any failure to take an action as a director except liability for (i) receipt of a financial benefit to which the director is not entitled, (ii) an intentional infliction of harm on the Company or its shareholders, (iii) a violation of the prohibition on unlawful distributions set forth in Section 833 of the Maine Business Corporation Act, or (iv) an intentional violation of criminal law. The Company's bylaws also provide that the Company may indemnify, in whole or in part, any officer of the Company for liability to any person or for action taken or any failure to take an action as an officer except liability for (A) receipt of a financial benefit to which the officer is not entitled, (B) an intentional infliction of harm on the Company or its shareholders, or (C) an intentional violation of criminal law. Under the Company's bylaws, the decision as to whether the Company will indemnify an officer for said liability and, if so, to what extent, shall be determined by the Company's Board of Directors within a reasonable period of time of having received a written request for indemnification from the officer.

The Company maintains directors and officers liability insurance in amounts and on terms which the Company's Board of Directors deems reasonable. In the ordinary course of business, the Company's Board of Directors regularly reviews the scope and adequacy of such insurance coverage.

The exhibits listed below represent a complete list of exhibits filed or incorporated by reference as part of this Registration Statement.

- 5.1 Legal opinion from Goodwin Procter LLP.*
- 23.1 Consent of Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC.*
- 23.2 Consent of Goodwin Procter LLP (contained in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Registration Statement).*
- 24.1 Power of attorney (included in the signature page to this Registration Statement).*
- 99.1 Camden National Corporation 2012 Equity and Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 8-K filed on May 8, 2012)

Item 8. Exhibits.

^{*} Filed herewith

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which
- (ii) was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

- That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment (2) shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall

be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (c) (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Camden, State of Maine, on this 29 day of May, 2012.

CAMDEN NATIONAL CORPORATION

By:/s/ Gregory A. Dufour Gregory A. Dufour President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned officers and directors of Camden National Corporation, hereby severally constitute Gregory A. Dufour and Deborah A. Jordan and each of them singly, our true and lawful attorneys with full power to them, and each of them singly, to sign for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below and in such other capacities as the undersigned may from time to time serve in the future, the Registration Statement filed herewith and any and all amendments to said Registration Statement, and generally to do all such things in our names and in our capacities as officers and directors to enable Camden National Corporation to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming our signatures as they may be signed by our said attorneys, or any of them, to said Registration Statement and any and all amendments thereto.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Gregory A. Dufour Gregory A. Dufour	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	May 29, 2012

/s/ Deborah A. Jordan Deborah A. Jordan	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	May 29, 2012
/s/ Karen W. Stanley Karen W. Stanley	Chairman of the Board	May 29, 2012
/s/ Ann W. Bresnahan Ann W. Bresnahan	Director	May 29, 2012
/s/ Robert J. Campbell Robert J. Campbell	Director	May 29, 2012
/s/ David C. Flanagan David C. Flanagan	Director	May 29, 2012
/s/ Craig S. Gunderson Craig S. Gunderson	Director	May 29, 2012
/s/ John W. Holmes John W. Holmes	Director	May 29, 2012
/s/ Rendle A. Jones Rendle A. Jones	Director	May 29, 2012
/s/ James H. Page James H. Page	Director	May 29, 2012
/s/ John M. Rohman John M. Rohman	Director	May 29, 2012
/s/ Robin A. Sawyer Robin A. Sawyer	Director	May 29, 2012

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