

AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Johnston Thomas H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP  
[AM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
ONE AMERICAN ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/09/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

CLEVELAND, OH 44144  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Class A Common Shares           | 08/09/2013                           |  | D                              |   | 45,845<br>(1)   | D  | \$ 19 0 (2)                       |

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)**

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| 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 |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 24.73   | 08/09/2013                           |  | D                              | 25,300<br>(3)   | 05/16/2007 05/16/2015                                    | Class A Common Shares   | 25,300                     |                            |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 20.51   | 08/09/2013                           |  | D                              | 22,000<br>(3)   | 05/03/2006 05/03/2014                                    | Class A Common Shares   | 22,000                     |                            |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 22.65   | 08/09/2013                           |  | D                              | 22,000<br>(3)   | 05/15/2000 05/15/2016                                    | Class A Common Shares   | 22,000                     |                            |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 25.57   | 08/09/2013                           |  | D                              | 22,000<br>(3)   | 05/02/2009 05/02/2017                                    | Class A Common Shares   | 22,000                     |                            |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 18.12   | 08/09/2013                           |  | D                              | 22,000<br>(4)   | 05/01/2010 05/01/2018                                    | Class A Common Shares   | 22,000                     |                            |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 24.69   | 08/09/2013                           |  | D                              | 11,000<br>(3)   | 05/03/2012 05/03/2020                                    | Class A Common Shares   | 11,000                     |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Johnston Thomas H<br>ONE AMERICAN ROAD<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44144 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Christopher W. Haffke, Power of Attorney for Thomas H. Johnston 08/13/2013

\*\*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) Disposed of pursuant to merger agreement among issuer, Century Intermediate Holding Company and Century Merger Corp. (the "Merger Agreement") in exchange for a cash payment of \$19.00 per share.  
Excludes any shares underlying restricted stock units or performance share units. These units remain outstanding and subject to existing vesting and other terms, but now represent the right to be settled in cash rather than shares in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement.
- (3) These options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement for a cash payment to be calculated based on the application of the Black-Scholes valuation applying certain assumptions as set forth in the Merger Agreement.
- (4) These options were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement for a cash payment per share of the difference between the option exercise price and \$19.00 per share.

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