

WITTY SPENCER B
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WITTY SPENCER B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
[VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/26/2005

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

1455 VALLEY ROAD

(Street)

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

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)				
Common Stock	04/26/2005		G		800	D	\$ 0 704,777	D	
Common Stock							9,765 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	04/27/2005	05/02/2005	S		2,400	D	\$ 24.7 702,324 ⁽²⁾	I	By trusts

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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