

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO
Form 8-K
December 15, 2005

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): **December 15, 2005**

AMERICAN EQUITY
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

IOWA
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-31911
(Commission File Number)

42-1447959
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines, Iowa
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

50266
(Zip Code)

(515) 221-0002

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

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

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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 December 15, 2005, American Equity Investment Life Holding Company issued \$20.62 million of fixed-rate trust preferred securities in a trust preferred transaction.

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: December 15, 2005

AMERICAN EQUITY
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING
COMPANY

By: /s/ Wendy L. Carlson
Wendy L. Carlson
Chief Financial Officer
and General Counsel