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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Forbes Richard E Issuer Symbol **GERMAN AMERICAN** (Check all applicable) BANCORP, INC. [GABC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 1178 WEST 20TH ST 11/17/2008 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting JASPER, IN 47546 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securitie	es Acq	uired (A) or	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDisposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
COMMON STOCK	11/17/2008	11/21/2008	P	45.1377	A	\$ 11.0772	10,577.5728	D	
COMMON STOCK	12/15/2008	12/19/2008	P	45.4667	A	\$ 10.9971	10,678.4028 (1)	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)

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					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	Title	or Number		
						Exercisable	Date				
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Forbes Richard E 1178 WEST 20TH ST JASPER, IN 47546	X						

Signatures

Mark A Schroeder POA for Richard E Forbes 12/22/2008

**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) Includes shares acquired pursuant to German American Bancorp's Dividend Reinvestment Plan

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