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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person 2 BAWEL DOUGLAS A 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GERMAN AMERICAN BANCORP, INC. [GABC] 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director (give title below) Officer (give title below) 711 MAIN STREET, BOX 810 01/15/2018					
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Own	wned				
Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDisposed of (D) Securities Ownership Benefit	Nature of Indirect neficial Ownership str. 4)				
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Common Stock 408 D					

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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
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					4, and 5)						
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						Excicisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BAWEL DOUGLAS A 711 MAIN STREET BOX 810 JASPER, IN 47546

Signatures

/s/ Mark A. Schroeder, Attorney-in-Fact

01/22/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- (1) Includes a transfer of 623 shares from held directly to held by children/grandchildren.

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