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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10 K

(Mark one)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT [X]OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number: 001 35589

FS BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

45 4585178 Washington

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

6920 220th Street SW, Mountlake Terrace, Washington 98043

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (425) 771 5299

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Each Class)

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. YES [] NO [X]

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. YES [] NO [X]

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant
was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES
[X] NO[]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES [X] NO[]

Indicate by check mark whether disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or other information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10 K or any amendments to this Form 10 K. [X]

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b 2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer []	Accelerated filer [X]
Non-accelerated filer [] (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company []
Emerging growth company []	
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has eleperiod for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards pathe Exchange Act. []	
Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in	n Exchange Act Rule 12b 2). YES

As of March 9, 2018, there were 3,695,552 shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding. The Registrant's common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FSBW." The aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant was \$121,778,776, based on the closing sales price of \$43.77 per share of the Registrant's common stock as quoted on the NASDAQ Capital Market on June 30, 2017. For purposes of this calculation, common stock held only by executive officers and directors of the Registrant is considered to be held by affiliates.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

1.Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders ("Proxy Statement") are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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As used in this report, the terms "we," "our," "us," "Company", and "FS Bancorp" refer to FS Bancorp, Inc. and its consolidate subsidiary, 1st Security Bank of Washington, unless the context indicates otherwise. When we refer to "Bank" in this report, we are referring to 1st Security Bank of Washington, the wholly owned subsidiary of FS Bancorp.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 10 K contains forward-looking statements, which can be identified by the use of words such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates" or similar expressions. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- · statements of our goals, intentions and expectations;
- · statements regarding our business plans, prospects, growth, and operating strategies;
- · statements regarding the quality of our loan and investment portfolios; and
- · estimates of our risks and future costs and benefits.

These forward-looking statements are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements due to, among others, the following factors:

- · general economic conditions, either nationally or in our market area, that are worse than expected;
- the credit risks of lending activities, including changes in the level and trend of loan delinquencies, write offs, changes in our allowance for loan losses, and provision for loan losses that may be impacted by deterioration in the housing and commercial real estate markets;
- · secondary market conditions and our ability to sell loans in the secondary market;
- fluctuations in the demand for loans, the number of unsold homes, land and other properties, and fluctuations in real estate values in our market area;
- · staffing fluctuations in response to product demand or the implementation of corporate strategies that affect our workforce and potential associated charges;
- · increases in premiums for deposit insurance;
- the use of estimates in determining fair value of certain of our assets, which estimates may prove to be incorrect and result in significant declines in valuation;
- · changes in the interest rate environment that reduce our interest margins or reduce the fair value of financial instruments;
- · increased competitive pressures among financial services companies;
- · our ability to execute our plans to grow our residential construction lending, our home lending operations, our warehouse lending, and the geographic expansion of our indirect home improvement lending;
- · our ability to attract and retain deposits;
- · our ability to successfully integrate any assets, liabilities, customers, systems, and management personnel we may in the future acquire into our operations and our ability to realize related revenue synergies and cost savings within the expected time frames and any goodwill charges related thereto;
- · our ability to control operating costs and expenses;
- · our ability to retain key members of our senior management team;
- · changes in consumer spending, borrowing, and savings habits;

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- · our ability to successfully manage our growth;
- · legislative or regulatory changes that adversely affect our business, including the effect of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), changes in regulation policies and principles, an increase in regulatory capital requirements or change in the interpretation of regulatory capital or other rules, including as a result of Basel III;
- · adverse changes in the securities markets;
- · changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the bank regulatory agencies, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or the Financial Accounting Standards Board;
- · costs and effects of litigation, including settlements and judgments;
- · disruptions, security breaches, or other adverse events, failures or interruptions in, or attacks on, our information technology systems or on the third-party vendors who perform several of our critical processing functions;
- · our ability to implement our branch expansion strategy;
- · inability of key third-party vendors to perform their obligations to us; and
- other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory, and technical factors affecting our operations, pricing, products, and services, and other risks described elsewhere in this Form 10 K and our other reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

Any of the forward-looking statements made in this Form 10 K and in other public statements may turn out to be wrong because of inaccurate assumptions we might make, because of the factors illustrated above or because of other factors that we cannot foresee. Forward-looking statements are based upon management's beliefs and assumptions at the time they are made. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement included in this report or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from those contained in such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking statements discussed in this report might not occur and you should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements.

Available Information

The Company provides a link on its investor information page at www.fsbwa.com to filings with the SEC for purposes of providing copies of its annual report to shareholders, annual report on Form 10 K, quarterly reports on Form 10 Q, current reports on Form 8 K and press releases. Other than an investor's own internet access charges, these filings are available free of charge and also can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1 800 SEC 0330. The information contained on the Company's website is not included as part of, or incorporated by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 10 K.

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PART 1

Item 1. Business

General

FS Bancorp, Inc. ("FS Bancorp" or the "Company"), a Washington corporation, was organized in September 2011 for the purpose of becoming the holding company of 1st Security Bank of Washington ("1st Security Bank of Washington" or the "Bank") upon the Bank's conversion from a mutual to a stock savings bank ("Conversion"). The Conversion was completed on July 9, 2012. At December 31, 2017, the Company had consolidated total assets of \$981.8 million, total deposits of \$829.8 million, and stockholders' equity of \$122.0 million. The Company has not engaged in any significant activity other than holding the stock of the Bank. Accordingly, the information set forth in this Annual Report on Form 10 K ("Form 10 K"), including the consolidated financial statements and related data, relates primarily to the Bank.

1st Security Bank of Washington is a relationship-driven community bank. The Bank delivers banking and financial services to local families, local and regional businesses and industry niches within distinct Puget Sound area communities. The Bank emphasizes long-term relationships with families and businesses within the communities served, working with them to meet their financial needs. The Bank is also actively involved in community activities and events within these market areas, which further strengthens relationships within these markets. The Bank has been serving the Puget Sound area since 1936. Originally chartered as a credit union, and known as Washington's Credit Union, the Bank served various select employment groups. On April 1, 2004, the Bank converted from a credit union to a Washington state-chartered mutual savings bank. Upon completion of the Conversion in July 2012, 1st Security Bank of Washington became a Washington state-chartered stock savings bank and the wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

At December 31, 2017, the Bank maintained its main administrative office, 11 full-service bank branches and seven home loan production offices in suburban communities in the greater Puget Sound area. The Bank also has one home loan production office in the Tri-Cities, Washington. On January 22, 2016, the Company completed the purchase of four retail bank branches from Bank of America (two in Clallam and two in Jefferson counties) (the "Branch Purchase"). The Branch Purchase expanded our Puget Sound-focused retail footprint onto the Olympic Peninsula and provided an opportunity to extend our unique brand of community banking into those communities. See "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data - Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - Note 2 Business Combinations" of this Form 10 K. In November 2016, the Bank installed a free standing automated teller machine ("ATM") in Kingston, Washington. The Company also has entered into a lease for a bank branch located in Silverdale, Washington, expected to open in April 2018.

The Company is a diversified lender with a focus on the origination of one-to-four-family loans, commercial real estate mortgage loans, indirect home improvement loans ("fixture secured loans"), consumer loans including marine lending, commercial business loans and second mortgage or home equity loan products. Historically, consumer loans, in particular fixture secured loans had represented the largest portion of the Company's loan portfolio and had traditionally been the mainstay of the Company's lending strategy. In recent years, the Company has placed more of an emphasis on real estate lending products, such as one-to-four-family loans, commercial real estate loans, including speculative residential construction loans, as well as commercial business loans, while growing the current size of the consumer loan portfolio. The Company reintroduced in-house originations of residential mortgage loans in 2012, primarily for sale into the secondary market, through a mortgage banking program. The Company's lending strategies are intended to take advantage of: (1) the Company's historical strength in indirect consumer lending, (2) recent market consolidation that has created new lending opportunities, and (3) relationship lending. Retail deposits will continue to serve as an important funding source. For more information regarding the business and operations of 1st Security

Bank of Washington, see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of this Form 10 K.

1st Security Bank of Washington is examined and regulated by the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("DFI"), its primary regulator, and by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). 1st Security Bank of Washington is required to have certain reserves set by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("Federal Reserve") and is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines ("FHLB" or "FHLB of Des Moines"), which is one of the 11 regional banks in the Federal Home Loan Bank System.

The principal executive offices of the Company are located at 6920 220th Street SW, Mountlake Terrace, Washington 98043 and its telephone number is (425) 771 5299.

Market Area

The Company conducts operations out of its main administrative office, seven home loan production offices, and 11 full-service bank branches in the Puget Sound region of Washington, as well as one loan production office in eastern Washington. The administrative office is located in Mountlake Terrace, in Snohomish County, Washington. The four stand-alone home lending offices in the Puget Sound region are located in Puyallup, in Pierce County, Bellevue, in King County, Port Orchard, in Kitsap County, Everett, in Snohomish County, and the one stand-alone home lending office in Eastern Washington is located in Tri-Cities (Kennewick), in Benton County, Washington. Regarding the 11 full-service bank branches, three branch offices are located in Snohomish County, two branch offices are located in King County, two branch offices in Jefferson County, one branch office is located in Pierce County, and one in Kitsap County.

The primary market area for business operations is the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area (the "Seattle MSA"). Kitsap, Clallam, and Jefferson counties, though not in the Seattle MSA, are also part of the Company's market area. This overall region is typically known as the Puget Sound region. The population of the Puget Sound region was an estimated 3.9 million in 2017, over half of the state's population, representing a large population base for potential business. The region has a well-developed urban area in the western portion along Puget Sound, with the north, central and eastern portions containing a mixture of developed residential and commercial neighborhoods and undeveloped, rural neighborhoods.

The Puget Sound region is the largest business center in both the State of Washington and the Pacific Northwest. Currently, key elements of the economy are aerospace, military bases, clean technology, biotechnology, education, information technology, logistics, international trade and tourism. The region is well known for the long presence of The Boeing Corporation and Microsoft, two major industry leaders, and for its leadership in technology. Amazon.com has expanded significantly in the Seattle downtown area. The workforce in general is well-educated and strong in technology. Washington State's location with regard to the Pacific Rim, along with a deepwater port has made international trade a significant part of the regional economy. Tourism has also developed into a major industry for the area, due to the scenic beauty, temperate climate and easy accessibility.

King County, the location of the city of Seattle, has the largest employment base and overall level of economic activity. Six of the largest employers in the state are headquartered in King County including Microsoft Corporation, University of Washington, Amazon.com, King County Government, Starbucks, and Swedish Health Services. Pierce County's economy is also well diversified with the presence of military related government employment (Joint Base Lewis-McChord), along with health care (the Multicare Health System and the Franciscan Health System). In addition, there is a large employment base in the economic sectors of shipping (the Port of Tacoma) and aerospace employment (Boeing). Snohomish County to the north has an economy based on aerospace employment (Boeing), health care (Providence Regional Medical Center), and military (the Everett Naval Station) along with additional employment concentrations in biotechnology, electronics/computers, and wood products.

The United States Navy is a key element for Kitsap County's economy. The United States Navy is the largest employer in the county, with installations at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport and Naval Base Kitsap (which comprises former Naval Submarine Base Bangor, and Naval Station Bremerton). The largest private employers in the county are the Harrison Medical Center and Port Madison Enterprises.

In 2015, the median household income for King County was \$75,302, compared to \$64,939 for the State of Washington, and \$55,775 for the United States. In 2008, the U.S. Census Bureau determined that Seattle had the

highest percentage of college and university graduates of any U.S. city. Seattle has been listed in the top three most literate cities in the country every year since 2005 by an annual review conducted by Central Connecticut State University.

Unemployment in Washington was an estimated 4.5% at December 31, 2017, down from a high of 10.2% in March 2010, closely paralleling national trends as disclosed in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. King County had the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.6%, slightly increased from 3.4% in the prior year, and much lower than the

state average of 4.5% and national average of 4.1%, respectively. The estimated unemployment rate in Snohomish County at year end 2017 was 4.0%, slightly increased from 3.9% at year end 2016. Kitsap County's unemployment rate improved to 5.0% at December 31, 2017, compared to 5.5% at December 31, 2016. At December 31, 2017, the estimated unemployment rate in Pierce County was 5.4%, down from 6.0% at December 31, 2016. Outside of the Puget Sound area, the Tri-Cities market includes two counties, Benton and Franklin, and two full-service branches in Clallam County and two in Jefferson County. The estimated unemployment rate in Benton County at year end 2017 was 6.1%, down from 7.0% at year end 2016. At December 31, 2017, the estimated unemployment rate in Franklin County was down to 8.0%, from 9.5% at December 31, 2016. For Clallam and Jefferson counties, the estimated unemployment rates at December 31, 2017 decreased to 7.0% and 6.2%, respectively, compared to 8.1% and 7.4%, respectively at December 31, 2016.

According to the Washington Center for Real Estate Research, home values in the State of Washington continued to improve in 2017. For the quarter ended December 31, 2017, the average home value was \$641,000 in King County, \$442,000 in Snohomish County, \$357,000 for Jefferson County, \$316,000 in Pierce County, \$320,000 in Kitsap County, \$276,000 for Clallam County, and \$251,000 for both Benton and Franklin counties. Compared to the statewide average increase in home values of 8.8% in the fourth quarter of 2017, Clallam, Benton and Franklin, Snohomish, Kitsap, and Pierce counties outperformed the state average, with 13.6%, 13.4%, 12.7%, 11.3%, and 10.4% increases in average home values, respectively. Although just below the state average, King county increased 8.7% in average home values year over year, and Jefferson County experienced a 1.2% increase in average home values in the fourth quarter 2017.

For a discussion regarding the competition in the Company's primary market area, see "Competition."

Lending Activities

General. Historically, the Company's primary emphasis was the origination of consumer loans (primarily indirect home improvement loans), one-to-four-family residential first mortgages, and second mortgage/home equity loan products. As a result of the Company's initial public offering in 2012, while maintaining the active indirect consumer lending program, the Company shifted its lending focus to include non-mortgage commercial business loans, as well as commercial real estate which includes construction and development loans. The Company reintroduced in-house originations of residential mortgage loans in 2012, primarily for sale in the secondary market. While maintaining the Company's historical strength in consumer lending, the Company has added management and personnel in the commercial and home lending areas to take advantage of the relatively favorable long-term business and economic environments prevailing in the markets.

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Loan Portfolio Analysis. The following table sets forth the composition of the loan portfolio by type of loan at the dates indicated.

December 31,

loans 1	2017 Amount \$ 63,611	Percent 8.22 %	2016 Amount \$ 55,871	Percent	2015 Amount \$ 50,034	Percent 9.78 %	2014 Amount \$ 42,970	Percent 10.90 %	2013 Amount \$ 32,970
n and it y -family	143,068 25,289	18.50 3.27	94,462 20,081	15.60 3.32	80,806 16,540	15.80 3.24	57,813 15,737	14.67 3.99	41,633 15,172
y state	163,655 44,451	21.16 5.75	124,009 37,527	20.48 6.20	102,921 22,223	20.13 4.35	46,801 16,201	11.87 4.11	20,809 4,682
state	440,074	56.90	331,950	54.83	272,524	53.30	179,522	45.54	115,266
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nt	130,176 41,049 35,397	16.83 5.31 4.58	107,759 36,503 28,549	17.80 6.03 4.71	103,064 29,226 23,851	20.16 5.72 4.66	99,304 18,162 16,713	25.19 4.61 4.24	91,167 16,838 11,203
ımer mer	2,046	0.26	1,915	0.32	2,181	0.43	2,628	0.66	3,498
	208,668	26.98	174,726	28.86	158,322	30.97	136,807	34.70	122,706
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i dira	83,306	10.77	65,841	10.88	59,619	11.66	55,624	14.11	42,657
iercial	41,397	5.35	32,898	5.43	20,817	4.07	22,257	5.65	6,587
ıns	124,703	16.12	98,739	16.31	80,436	15.73	77,881	19.76	49,244
gross	773,445	100.00 %	605,415	100.00 %	511,282	100.00 %	394,210	100.00 %	287,216
for loan sts,	(10,756)		(10,211)		(7,785)		(6,090)		(5,092)
ıms ıts, net	(1,131)		(1,887)		(962)		(946)		(1,043)
net	\$ 761,558		\$ 593,317		\$ 502,535		\$ 387,174		\$ 281,081

⁽¹⁾ Excludes loans held for sale.

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The following table shows the composition of the loan portfolio by fixed- and adjustable-rate loans at the dates indicated.

	December 31,								
	2017		2016		2015		2014		2013
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount
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,	\$ 32,430	4.19 %	\$ 30,445	5.03 %	\$ 26,189	5.12 %	\$ 23,144	5.87 %	\$ 23,210
and	286	0.04			315	0.06	322	0.08	525
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	11,804	1.53	10,267	1.69	9,305	1.82	8,108	2.06	19,981
	14,453	1.87	4,538	0.75	2,659	0.52	3,240	0.82	3,467
ate	61,622	7.97	46,894	7.74	40,614	7.94	37,491	9.51	49,847
ans	207,671	26.85	174,041	28.75	157,805	30.87	136,368	34.59	122,346
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	32,835	4.24	26,901	4.45	17,440	3.41	16,197	4.11	19,792
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.s	33,508	4.33	26,901	4.45	17,440	3.41	16,197	4.11	19,792
ate	302,801	39.15	247,836	40.94	215,859	42.22	190,056	48.21	191,985
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