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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

MILLER RICHARD S				Symbol VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]				Ü	Issuer				
	(Last)	, ,	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)						
	1455 VAL	LEY ROAD		09/16/2005			below)						
(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 Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
	WAYNE,	NJ 07470-							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						eneficially Owned							
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	ity (Month/Day/Year) Execution		Oate, if Transaction Code V/Year) (Instr. 8)		4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
	Common Stock	09/16/2005			G	2,168	D	\$0	11,966 (1)	D			
	IRA								21,354	D			
	W/WIFE								25,739	D			
	Common Stock								6,402	I	BY WIFE		
	Common Stock								1,939	I	CORPORATION		

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 Owner	ı
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	xecution Date, if TransactionNumber Expiration I ny Code of (Month/Day			te Underlyi		Amount of Securities 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 6.9143					11/01/1996	04/30/2006	Common Stock	1,280
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 8.2857					11/07/1997	05/06/2007	Common Stock	1,280
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 11.0571					10/27/1998	04/27/2008	Common Stock	1,280

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MILLER RICHARD S 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	X						
Signatures							

Signatures

RICHARD S

MILLER 09/20/2005

**Signature of Person

**Bignature of Person

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) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 6, 2005, payable May 20, 2005 to shareholders of record on May 6, 2005.

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