

CENTURY BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

December 18, 2008

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**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: December 18, 2008  
Century Bancorp, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Massachusetts  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-15752  
(Commission File No.)

04-2498617  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

400 Mystic Avenue  
Medford, MA  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

02155  
(Zip Code)

(781) 391-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Ex-99.1 Press Release dated December 18, 2008

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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On December 18, 2008, the registrant announced, in a press release, it had received preliminary approval from the U.S. Treasury Department to participate in the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program, a voluntary program available to healthy financial institutions. The Treasury Department intends to invest up to \$30 million in Century Bancorp, Inc. in the form of preferred stock and warrants to purchase Class A common stock. A copy of the press release issued by the registrant is herewith attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 18, 2008

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CENTURY BANCORP, INC.**

/s/ William P. Hornby  
William P. Hornby  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Dated: December 18, 2008