ADAMS EXPRESS CO

Form 5

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FORM 5

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Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and A LENAGH T	*	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ADAMS EXPRESS CO [ADX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
			12/31/2008	Officer (give title Other (specify			
7 ST. PAUL 1140	STREET,Â	SUITE		below) below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	(check applicable line)			

BALTIMORE, MDÂ 21202

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/27/2008	Â	J	Amount 61 (1)	or (D)	Price \$ 12.65	4) 6,190	D	Â
Common Stock	12/31/2008	Â	J	348 (2)	A	\$ 0 (2)	7,288	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

	1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of
	Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative
	Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security
	(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
		Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
		Security				Acquired					
		·				(A) or					
						Disposed					
						of (D)					
						(Instr. 3,					
						4, and 5)					
										Amount	
							Date	Expiration	 .	or	
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
										of	
						(A) (D)				Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LENAGH THOMAS H 7 ST. PAUL STREET SUITE 1140 BALTIMORE, MD 21202	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			

Signatures

Thomas H.
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**Signature of Reporting Person

Thomas H.

01/26/2009

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) These shares were acquired as dividend equivalents which were issued in conjunction with 750 restricted stock units which vested on 3/27/2008
- (2) These shares were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$7.20-\$13.74.

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