

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SPILMAN ROBERT H JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC [BSET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3525 FAIRYSTONE PARK HWY, P
 O BOX 626

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/31/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Pres & Chief Executive Officer

(Street)
 BASSETT, VA 24055

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 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) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common | 10/22/2008 | | P | A | \$ 6,000 4.9334 | (1) D | |
| Common | 10/27/2008 | | P | A | \$ 1,500 4.01 | (1) D | |
| Common | | | | | 12,171 | I | wife |
| Common | | | | | 13,962 | I | Trust |
| Common | | | | | 8,942 | I | child-Martha |
| Common | | | | | 8,129 | I | child-Virginia |
| Common | | | | | 4,821 | I | child-Rob |

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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 Owned
(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) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 14.875 | 01/18/2000 | | A | 25,556 | 01/18/2001 01/17/2010 | Common | 25,556 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 14.875 | 01/18/2000 | | A | 25,556 | 01/18/2002 01/17/2010 | Common | 25,556 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 14.875 | 01/18/2000 | | A | 25,556 | 01/18/2003 01/17/2010 | Common | 25,556 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 14.7 | 01/15/2002 | | A | 10,000 | 01/15/2003 01/14/2012 | Common | 10,000 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 14.7 | 01/15/2002 | | A | 10,000 | 01/15/2004 02/14/2012 | Common | 10,000 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 14.7 | 01/15/2002 | | A | 10,000 | 01/15/2005 01/14/2012 | Common | 10,000 |
| Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 21.12 | 02/24/2004 | | A | 50,000 | 11/15/2004 02/23/2014 | Common | 50,000 |
| OPTION ⁽²⁾ | \$ 10.6 | 10/17/2007 | | A | 7,334 | 10/17/2008 10/16/2017 | COMMON | 7,334 |
| OPTION ⁽²⁾ | \$ 10.6 | 10/17/2007 | | A | 7,333 | 10/17/2009 10/16/2017 | COMMON | 7,333 |
| OPTION ⁽²⁾ | \$ 10.6 | 10/17/2007 | | A | 7,333 | 10/17/2010 10/16/2017 | COMMON | 7,333 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SPILMAN ROBERT H JR 3525 FAIRYSTONE PARK HWY P O BOX 626 BASSETT, VA 24055 | X | | Pres & Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

Robert H
Spilman Jr

10/31/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person

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) Includes shares acquired under the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(a).
 - (2) Granted under the 1997 Employee Stock Plan which is a Rule 16b-3 Plan.

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