

THORNTON JERRY SUE

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
THORNTON JERRY SUE2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP
[AM]5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ONE AMERICAN ROAD

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44144

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/01/2009☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person**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)
Class B Common Shares			Code	V Amount (D) Price	12,632.416 ⁽¹⁾ I		By Deferred Comp.

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

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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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)	8. Fair Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 7.73	05/01/2009		A	7,000	<u>(2)</u>		05/01/2019		Class A Common Shares	7,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THORNTON JERRY SUE C/O ONE AMERICAN ROAD CLEVELAND, OH 44144	X			

Signatures

Catherine M. Kilbane, Power of Attorney for Jerry Sue Thornton

05/05/2009

****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).

Represents the number of shares allocated to the account of the reporting person as of May 1, 2009, under the Corporation's Outside

(1) Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, including dividend equivalents credited with respect to any dividends paid on the Corporation's common shares.

(2) This option will vest equally on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant.

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