

## AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO

Form 4

November 07, 2006

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WHITFIELD HARLEY A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**5000 WESTOWN PARKWAY,  
SUITE 440**

(Street)

**WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

**AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING  
CO [AEL]**

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

**11/06/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/06/2006		F		300	D \$ 12.74	35,700	D	
Common Stock	11/06/2006		F		5,900	D \$ 12.72	29,800	D	
Common Stock	11/06/2006		F		2,000	D \$ 12.75	27,800	D	
Common Stock	11/06/2006		F		1,100	D \$ 12.77	26,700	D	
	11/06/2006		F		100	D	26,600	D	

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Common Stock						\$ 12.78	
Common Stock	11/06/2006	F	1,600	D	\$ 12.79	25,000	D
Common Stock	11/06/2006	F	1,000	D	\$ 12.8	24,000	D
Common Stock	11/06/2006	F	500	D	\$ 12.81	23,500	D
Common Stock	11/06/2006	F	300	D	\$ 12.82	23,200	D
Common Stock	11/06/2006	F	200	D	\$ 12.83	23,000	D

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WHITFIELD HARLEY A  
5000 WESTOWN PARKWAY, SUITE 440 X  
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

## Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of  
Attorney

11/07/2006

\_\_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).

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