

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	D	
Common	10/27/2008		P	A	\$ 1,500 4.01	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 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 14.875	01/18/2000		A	25,556	01/18/2001 01/17/2010	Common	25,556
Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 14.875	01/18/2000		A	25,556	01/18/2002 01/17/2010	Common	25,556
Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 14.875	01/18/2000		A	25,556	01/18/2003 01/17/2010	Common	25,556
Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 14.7	01/15/2002		A	10,000	01/15/2003 01/14/2012	Common	10,000
Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 14.7	01/15/2002		A	10,000	01/15/2004 02/14/2012	Common	10,000
Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 14.7	01/15/2002		A	10,000	01/15/2005 01/14/2012	Common	10,000
Option <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 21.12	02/24/2004		A	50,000	11/15/2004 02/23/2014	Common	50,000
OPTION <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 10.6	10/17/2007		A	7,334	10/17/2008 10/16/2017	COMMON	7,334
OPTION <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 10.6	10/17/2007		A	7,333	10/17/2009 10/16/2017	COMMON	7,333
OPTION <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 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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