

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 3

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### ISSUER

#### Ameris Bancorp

CIK:[351569](#) | IRS No.: [581456434](#) | State of Incorp.:[GA](#) | Fiscal Year End: [1231](#)  
SIC: [6022](#) State commercial banks

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CIK:[1251178](#) | State of Incorp.:[DE](#) | Fiscal Year End: [1231](#)  
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**FORM 3**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>HILL LEO J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>570 CARILLON PKWY</u> (Street) <u>ST PETERSBURG, FL 33716</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/10/2013</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Ameris Bancorp [ABCB]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

**Signatures**

Leo J. Hill, by Cara P. Horne, Attorney-In-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/11/2013

Date

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