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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 *
 Hillebrand James A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3116 CRESTMOOR COURT
 (Street)

PROSPECT, KY 40059

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 S Y BANCORP INC [SYBT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/19/2008

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)
 President

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 Stock	09/19/2008		G	V 33 D	\$ 17,869	D	
Common Stock					5,863.1676	I	by ESOP/401k-fbo James Hillebrand
Common Stock					7,308	I	by IRA-fbo Lynn Hillebrand
Common Stock	12/19/2008		P	75.103 A	\$ 221.03 26.63	I	Trust-Directors' Deferred Comp Plan

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16					12/27/2002	12/27/2011	Common Stock	2,940
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.619					12/17/2003	12/17/2012	Common Stock	3,150
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.1714					12/16/2004	12/16/2013	Common Stock	3,150
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.8095					12/14/2005	12/14/2014	Common Stock	6,300
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.0667					01/17/2007	01/17/2016	Common Stock	9,450
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.83					02/20/2008	02/20/2017	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 23.37					02/19/2009	02/19/2018	Common Stock	4,295

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hillebrand James A 3116 CRESTMOOR COURT PROSPECT, KY 40059	X		President	

Signatures

//James A.
Hillebrand

12/23/2008

__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) gift of stock

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