

U. S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-KSB/A
(Amendment number 1)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996

Commission File Number 0-16587

South Branch Valley Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

West Virginia 55-0672148

(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

310 N. Main Street
Moorefield, West Virginia 26836

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(304) 538-2353

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class -----	Name of each exchange on which registered -----
None	None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No
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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K [229.405 of this chapter] is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-KSB or any amendments to this Form 10-KSB. [X]

State issuer's revenues for its most recent fiscal year:
\$10,149,000

State the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant. The aggregate market value shall be computed by reference to the price at which the stock was sold, or the average bid and asked prices of such stock, as of a specified date within 60 days prior to the date of filing.

Aggregate Market Value
of Voting Stock

Based Upon Reported
Closing Price on

\$11,611,200

March 1, 1997

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class -----	Outstanding as of March 1, 1996 -----
Common Stock (\$2.50 par value)	378,510 shares

Documents Incorporated by Reference

The following lists the documents which are incorporated by reference in the Annual Report Form 10-KSB, and the Parts and Items of the Form 10-KSB into which the documents are incorporated.

Document -----	Part of Form 10-KSB Into Which Document is Incorporated -----
South Branch Valley Bancorp, Inc. Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 1996	Part II
Reports filed on Form 8-K	Part III

This form 10-KSB/A is comprised of 6 pages.

This 10-KSB/A is being filed solely for the purpose of amending the maximum number of directors which can be fixed by the Company's Board of Directors as described in Part III, Item 9.

PART III

Item 9. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT.

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors of the Company may consist of not less than nine (9) nor more than twenty-one (21) persons in accordance with the Company's Articles of Incorporation. The number of directors may be fixed by the Board of Directors as deemed appropriate. Currently, the Board of Directors has fixed the number of directors at fourteen (14).

The current Board of Directors of the Company is comprised of the individuals listed below. Directors of the Company are divided into three classes and serve a staggered three (3) year term. All current directors of the Company are also directors of the Company's subsidiary, South Branch Valley National Bank ("Bank"). Directors of the Bank serve for a one (1) year term. The table below sets forth information concerning each director as of March 1, 1997.

Name and Age	Date Current Term as Director of Company Expires	Positions & Principal Occupation or Employment Last Five Years
Oscar M. Bean (46)	1998	Chairman of the Board since February 1995; Director of Company since 1987; Director of Bank since 1978; Managing Partner of Bean & Bean Attorneys.
Donald W. Biller (65)	1999	Director and Vice Chairman of the Board since 1987; Director of Bank since 1975; President of D.W. Biller, Inc.; Director of WV Farm Credit ACA; Farmer.
James M. Cookman (42)	1997	Director of Bank since 1994; President of Cookman Insurance Center, Inc., President of Cookman Realty Group, Inc. and President of Transcover, Inc.
John W. Crites (56)	1999	Director of Company and Bank since 1989; President of Allegheny Wood Products, Inc.; Partner, JPC, Limited Liability Company; Partner, Allegheny Dimension; Principal Stockholder, KJV Aviation.

Thomas J. Hawse, III (51)	1997	Director of Company since 1988; President of Hawse Food Market, Inc.
Phoebe F. Heishman (55)	1998	Secretary of Company since 1995; Director of Company since 1987; Director of Bank since 1973; Editor and Publisher of Moorefield Examiner; President of R.E. Fisher Co., Inc.
Gary L. Hinkle (47)	1997	Director the Company since 1993; President of Hinkle Trucking, Inc., Detinburn Transport, Inc., and Mt. Storm Fuel Corporation.
Jeffrey E. Hott (46)	1999	Director of Company and Bank since 1990; Vice President of Hott's Ag Services, E.E. Hott, Inc., and Franklin Oil Co.
H. Charles Maddy, III, (33)	1997	Director of Company since 1993; Has served as the Bank's President and Chief Executive Officer since 1993. He served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company from 1988 to 1994 when he became President.
Harold K. Michael (53)	1997	Director of the Company since 1994 Owner/ agent of H.K. Michael & Son Insurance and a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates.
Mary Ann Ours (63)	1998	Director of Company and Bank since 1994; President of Ours Valley View Poultry Farm, Inc.
Russell F. Ratliff, Jr. (46)	1999	Director of Company and Bank since 1994; Treasurer of the Company, 1987 to present; Vice President and Cashier of the Bank, 1993 to present; CEO and Cashier of the Bank, 1988 to 1993.
Harry C. Welton (67)	1999	Director of Company since 1987; Director of Bank since 1986; Retired farmer.
Renick C. Williams (62)	1998	Director of Company since 1987; President and Chairman of the Board of Company, 1987 to 1995; Director of Bank since 1967; President of South Branch Inn, Inc.; President of Fort Pleasant Farms, Inc.; President of Hampshire S&J Co., Inc.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

South Branch Valley Bancorp, Inc.
(registrant)

By: /s/ H. Charles Maddy, III

H. Charles Maddy, III, President and
Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ Russell F. Ratliff, Jr.

Russell F. Ratliff, Jr.
Treasurer

Date: October 6, 1997

