AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO Form 8-K April 26, 2004

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): April 26, 2004

# AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

IOWA (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-31911

(Commission File Number)

42-1447959

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 221-0002

#### NOT APPLICABLE

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

#### Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 26, 2004, American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the "Company") issued (i) a press release reporting the Company's financial results for the first quarter ending March 31, 2004, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and (ii) a financial supplement with respect to the first quarter ending March 31, 2004, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

The information in this report, including the Exhibits attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### **SIGNATURES**

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

Date: April 26, 2004 AMERICAN EQUITY

INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

By: /s/ WENDY L. CARLSON

Wendy L. Carlson Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release issued by American Equity Investment Life Holding Company on April 26, 2004
99.2	Financial supplement for the first quarter ending March 31, 2004

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