

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
January 11, 2017

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UNITED STATES  
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): January 10, 2017

AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Iowa	001-31911	42-1447959
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa	50266	
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)	

(515) 221-0002

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 10, 2017, American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the death of Harley A. Whitfield, Sr., a member of the Company's Board of Directors. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Whitfield's death is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished with this Form 8-K.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated January 10, 2017 announcing the death of Harley A. Whitfield, Sr.

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SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 11, 2017

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INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING  
COMPANY

By: /s/ John M. Matovina  
John M. Matovina  
Chief Executive Officer and President

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