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

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

- Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).
 Form 3 Holdings Reported
 Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Elson	Edward	E.
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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
185 Coconut Row		

(Street)		
Palm Beach	Florida	33480-4147
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Atlantic American Corporation - AAME

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Year

December, 2000

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

- Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chairman

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing
 (Check applicable line)

- Form filed by one Reporting Person
 Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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 Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,
 or Beneficially Owned
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	Price			
Common Stock	12/18/00	J	2,000 shs.	D	0	D	
Common Stock	12/18/00	J	2,000 shs.	A	2,000	I	EEE

* If the form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
Option to Buy(2)	\$2.6875	05/02/00	A	1,000	11/3/00 05/02/05	Cmn. Stk. 1,000		7,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1 Granted pursuant to the Company's 1996 Director Stock Option Plan at option prices ranging from \$3.9375 to \$4.4375.
- 2 Granted pursuant to the Company's 1996 Director Stock Option Plan at option prices ranging from \$2.6875 to \$4.4375

/s/

02/06/01

Edward E. Elson
**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.