LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

Form 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

CUNNINGHAM WILLIAM H DR			Symbol LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP [LNC]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			- -	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify				
150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD								below) below)			
	(Street)	,			ate Origina	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
RADNOR,	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	T. 1.	1. T. N	D	G			D 6° . '- 1	L 0 1	
	, , ,						-	ired, Disposed of,			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	Execution Date, if Transaction Dis			ed of (Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/12/2016			M	4,151	A	\$ 10.36	25,991.58 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock	12/12/2016			M	3,924	A	\$ 14.42	29,915.58	D		
Common Stock	12/12/2016			M	5,499	A	\$ 52.76	35,414.58	D		
Common Stock	12/12/2016			S	13,574	D	\$ 66.546 (2)	21,840.58	D		

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)	on Date, if Transaction Derivation Code Securities		perivative urities uired or posed of tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.36	12/12/2016		M		4,151	02/23/2010	02/23/2019	Common Stock	4,151
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.42	12/12/2016		M		3,924	05/13/2010	05/13/2019	Common Stock	3,924
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 52.76	12/12/2016		M		5,499	02/07/2009	02/07/2018	Common Stock	5,499

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CUNNINGHAM WILLIAM H DR 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD RADNOR, PA 19087

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Signatures

/s/ Nancy A. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact

12/14/2016

**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) Includes 471.39 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$66.25 to \$66.81, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Lincoln National Corporation, any security holder of Lincoln National Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote 2 to this Form.

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