WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP INC Form 8-K September 01, 2005

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) August 31, 2005

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Rhode Island

0-13091

(Commission

05-0404671 (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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File Number)

23 Broad Street, Westerly, Rhode Island 02891

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 348-1200

Former name or address, if changed from last report: N/A

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On August 31, 2005, Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. (the "Corporation") completed its acquisition of Weston Financial Group, Inc. ("Weston") pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement, dated March 18, 2005, by and among the Corporation, Weston and Weston's shareholders. The Stock Purchase Agreement provided for the Corporation's purchase of all outstanding shares of capital stock of Weston in exchange for an aggregate amount of cash equal to \$20 million, plus certain future payments.

The Corporation's press release dated September 1, 2005, announcing the completion of the acquisition is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated September 1, 2005

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 1, 2005

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC. By: <u>/s/ John C. Warren</u>

<u>/s/ John C. Warren</u> John C. Warren Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit Number Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated September 1, 2005