Stock Yards Bancorp, Inc.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **CROCE MICHAEL** Issuer Symbol Stock Yards Bancorp, Inc. [SYBT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title PO BOX 32890 03/21/2017 below) **Executive Vice President** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

LOUISVILLE, KY 40232

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,125 | Ι | by 401k/ESOP-fbo Michael Croce | | | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,918 (1) | D | | | | | | | |

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

| 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) | Code | 5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--------|---|--|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Number of Shares |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 40 | 03/21/2017 | | A | 3,222 | 03/21/2018 | 03/21/2027 | Common Stock | 3,222 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 15.58 | | | | | 02/19/2009 | 02/19/2018 | Common Stock | 2,32: |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 14.76 | | | | | 02/17/2010 | 02/17/2019 | Common Stock | 2,25 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 14.02 | | | | | 02/16/2011 | 02/16/2020 | Common Stock | 2,25 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 15.84 | | | | | 03/15/2012 | 03/15/2021 | Common Stock | 1,50 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 15.24 | | | | | 02/20/2013 | 02/20/2022 | Common Stock | 1,50 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 19.44 | | | | | 06/24/2015 | 06/24/2024 | Common Stock | 3,24 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 22.96 | | | | | 03/17/2016 | 03/17/2025 | Common Stock | 4,230 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 25.76 | | | | | 03/15/2017 | 03/15/2026 | Common Stock | 5,979 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CROCE MICHAEL PO BOX 32890

LOUISVILLE, KY 40232

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Michael

Croce 03/23/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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

Date

- ** 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 shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment.

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