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## Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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): May 24, 2019**

**WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>Rhode Island</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>001-32991</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>05-0404671</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<b>23 Broad Street</b> <b>Westerly, Rhode Island</b> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	<b>02891</b> (Zip Code)
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**(401) 348-1200**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(Former name or address, if changed from last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
COMMON STOCK, \$.0625 PAR VALUE PER SHARE	WASH	THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

The Boards of Directors of each of The Washington Trust Company, of Westerly (the “Bank”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. (the “Corporation”), and the Bank's wholly owned subsidiary, Halsey Associates, Inc. (“Halsey”), have approved the merger of Halsey into the Bank. The transaction, which is intended to streamline operations and create corporate efficiencies, is subject to regulatory approval, and expected to be completed in October 2019.

## 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.

### WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Ronald S. Ohsberg

Ronald S. Ohsberg

Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: May 28, 2019

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