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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: March 31, 2013

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[ ] adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: The Adams Express Company  
Address: 7 St. Paul Street, Suite 1140  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Form 13F File Number:28-597

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Christine M. Sloan  
Title Assistant Treasurer  
Phone (410) 752-5900

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Christine M. Sloan Baltimore, MD April 25, 2013

[Signature] [City, State] [Date]

Report Type (Check only one.):

- [X] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report).
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- [ ] 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the

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holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report  
and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

### Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0

Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 104

Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$1,252,345  
(in thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

NONE

COLUMN 1 NAME OF ISSUER	COLUMN 2 TITLE OF CLASS	COLUMN 3 CUSIP	COLUMN 4 VALUE (x \$1000)	COLUMN 5 SHRS OR SH/ PRN AMT	SH/ PRN	PUT/ CALL	COLUM INVTM DISCRE
ACE LTD.	SHS	H0023R105	14,680	165,000	SH		SOLE
AFFILIATED MANAGERS GROUP, INC.	COM	008252108	7,940	51,700	SH		SOLE
AMERICAN CAMPUS COMMUNITIES INC.	COM	024835100	4,081	90,000	SH		SOLE
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP.	COM	032511107	4,372	50,000	SH		SOLE
APPLE INC.	COM	037833100	41,165	93,000	SH		SOLE
AT&T CORP.	COM	00206R102	20,180	550,000	SH		SOLE
AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING, INC.	COM	053015103	13,004	200,000	SH		SOLE
AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LTD.	SHS	G0692U109	9,156	220,000	SH		SOLE
BANK OF AMERICA CORP.	COM	060505104	10,109	830,000	SH		SOLE
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON CORP.	COM	064058100	9,062	323,775	SH		SOLE
BED BATH & BEYOND INC.	COM	075896100	13,850	215,000	SH		SOLE
BOEING CO.	COM	097023105	18,028	210,000	SH		SOLE
BROADCOM CORP.	CL A	111320107	7,801	225,000	SH		SOLE
BUNGE LTD.	COM	G16962105	7,383	100,000	SH		SOLE
CALPINE CORP.	COM NEW	131347304	6,180	300,000	SH		SOLE
CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP.	COM	14040H105	13,463	245,000	SH		SOLE
CATAMARAN CORP.	COM	148887102	9,545	180,000	SH		SOLE
CATERPILLAR INC.	COM	149123101	10,436	120,000	SH		SOLE
CELGENE CORP.	COM	151020104	13,909	120,000	SH		SOLE
CENTURYLINK INC.	COM	156700106	12,120	345,000	SH		SOLE
CF INDUSTRIES HOLDINGS, INC.	COM	125269100	7,335	38,531	SH		SOLE
CHEVRON CORP.	COM	166764100	16,754	141,000	SH		SOLE
CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.	COM	17275R102	14,637	700,000	SH		SOLE

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COACH INC.	COM	189754104	6,499	130,000	SH	SOLE
COCA-COLA CO.	COM	191216100	12,132	300,000	SH	SOLE
COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	CL A	192446102	12,258	160,000	SH	SOLE
CONSOL ENERGY INC.	COM	20854P109	2,480	73,700	SH	SOLE
COVIDIEN PLC	SHS	G2554F113	8,141	120,000	SH	SOLE
CVS/CAREMARK CORP.	COM	126650100	16,222	295,000	SH	SOLE
DIAGEO PLC ADR	SPON ADR NEW	25243Q205	6,292	50,000	SH	SOLE
DIGITAL REALTY TRUST INC.	COM	253868103	6,022	90,000	SH	SOLE
DOLLAR GENERAL CORP.	COM	256677105	12,645	250,000	SH	SOLE
DOW CHEMICAL CO.	COM	260543103	5,572	175,000	SH	SOLE
EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO.	COM	277432100	5,939	85,000	SH	SOLE
EATON CORP.	SHS	G29183103	12,556	205,000	SH	SOLE
EBAY INC.	COM	278642103	15,182	280,000	SH	SOLE
EMERSON ELECTRIC CO.	COM	291011104	8,939	160,000	SH	SOLE
EXPRESS SCRIPTS HOLDING CO.	COM	30219G108	14,701	255,000	SH	SOLE
EXXON MOBIL CORP.	COM	30231G102	9,462	105,000	SH	SOLE
FEDEX CORP.	COM	31428X106	7,365	75,000	SH	SOLE
FIFTH THIRD BANCORP	COM	316773100	10,846	665,000	SH	SOLE
FREEMPORT-MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD	COM	35671D857	5,485	165,700	SH	SOLE
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.	COM	369604103	16,878	730,000	SH	SOLE
GENERAL MILLS INC.	COM	370334104	11,341	230,000	SH	SOLE
GILEAD SCIENCES INC.	COM	375558103	20,257	414,000	SH	SOLE
GOOGLE INC.	CL A	38259P508	14,293	18,000	SH	SOLE
HALLIBURTON CO.	COM	406216101	6,061	150,000	SH	SOLE
HCP, INC.	COM	40414L109	6,233	125,000	SH	SOLE
HOLOGIC, INC.	COM	436440101	9,492	420,000	SH	SOLE
HONEYWELL INT'L INC.	COM	438516106	22,228	295,000	SH	SOLE
IDACORP, INC.	COM	451107106	6,516	135,000	SH	SOLE
INTEL CORP.	COM	458140100	12,455	570,000	SH	SOLE
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES	COM	459200101	22,397	105,000	SH	SOLE
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.	COM	46625H100	28,476	600,000	SH	SOLE
KINDER MORGAN INC.	COM	49456B101	6,576	170,000	SH	SOLE
LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.	COM	548661107	20,856	550,000	SH	SOLE
LYONDELLBASELL INDUSTRIES N.V.	SHS-A	N53745100	10,000	158,000	SH	SOLE
MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL INC.	CL A	571903202	12,669	300,000	SH	SOLE
MASCO CORP.	COM	574599106	7,391	365,000	SH	SOLE
MASTERCARD, INC.	COM	57636Q104	12,446	23,000	SH	SOLE
MCDONALD'S CORP.	COM	580135101	17,944	180,000	SH	SOLE
MCKESSON CORP.	COM	58155Q103	12,523	116,000	SH	SOLE
MEDNAX, INC.	COM	58502B106	6,274	70,000	SH	SOLE
MEDTRONIC, INC.	COM	585055106	3,052	65,000	SH	SOLE
MERCK & CO. INC	COM	589331107	22,115	500,000	SH	SOLE
METLIFE INC.	COM	59156R108	16,539	435,000	SH	SOLE
MICROSOFT CORP.	COM	594918104	20,027	700,000	SH	SOLE
NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC.	COM	637071101	7,075	100,000	SH	SOLE
NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.	COM	651229106	10,440	400,000	SH	SOLE
NISOURCE INC.	COM	65473P105	6,161	210,000	SH	SOLE
ORACLE CORP.	COM	68389X105	16,170	500,000	SH	SOLE
PANERA BREAD CO.	CL A	69840W108	2,479	15,000	SH	SOLE
PEABODY ENERGY CORP.	COM	704549104	816	38,560	SH	SOLE
PEPSICO, INC.	COM	713448108	19,777	250,000	SH	SOLE
PETROLEUM & RESOURCES CORP.	COM	716549100	56,812	2,186,774	SH	SOLE
PFIZER INC.	COM	717081103	19,913	690,000	SH	SOLE
PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL INC.	COM	718172109	14,834	160,000	SH	SOLE
PHILLIPS 66	COM	718546104	9,016	128,850	SH	SOLE
PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP	COM	693475105	9,975	150,000	SH	SOLE
POTASH CORP OF SASKATCHEWAN INC.	COM	73755L107	5,106	130,100	SH	SOLE
PRAXAIR, INC.	COM	74005P104	7,529	67,500	SH	SOLE
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO.	COM	742718109	13,486	175,000	SH	SOLE
QUALCOMM INC.	COM	747525103	26,780	400,000	SH	SOLE
RYLAND GROUP INC.	COM	783764103	13,880	333,500	SH	SOLE
SAFEWAY INC.	COM NEW	786514208	8,959	340,000	SH	SOLE

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SCHLUMBERGER LTD	COM	806857108	8,987	120,000	SH	SOLE
SEADRILL LTD.	SHS	G7945E105	1,488	40,000	SH	SOLE
SENOMYX, INC.	COM	81724Q107	2,308	1,093,700	SH	SOLE
SOUTH JERSEY INDUSTRIES, INC.	COM	838518108	5,559	100,000	SH	SOLE
SPECTRA ENERGY CORP.	COM	847560109	1,700	55,280	SH	SOLE
T. ROWE PRICE GROUP INC.	COM	74144T108	7,487	100,000	SH	SOLE
TARGET CORP.	COM	87612E106	8,214	120,000	SH	SOLE
TEREX CORP.	COM	880779103	9,121	265,000	SH	SOLE
TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES	ADR	881624209	8,730	220,000	SH	SOLE
UNILEVER PLC ADR	SPON ADR NEW	904767704	13,728	325,000	SH	SOLE
UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP.	COM	913017109	17,238	184,500	SH	SOLE
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC.	COM	91324P102	16,448	287,500	SH	SOLE
US BANCORP	COM NEW	902973304	15,947	470,000	SH	SOLE
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.	COM	92343V104	14,745	300,000	SH	SOLE
WALT DISNEY CO.	COM	254687106	20,448	360,000	SH	SOLE
WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.	COM	94946T106	5,796	100,000	SH	SOLE
WELLS FARGO & CO.	COM	949746101	20,714	560,000	SH	SOLE
WISCONSIN ENERGY CORP.	COM	976657106	6,862	160,000	SH	SOLE
ZIMMER HOLDINGS, INC.	COM	98956P102	8,650	115,000	SH	SOLE
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