

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WILLETTS FREDERICK III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC [COOP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
201 MARKET STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/28/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Pres., CEO & Chairman of Board

WILMINGTON, NC 28401

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/28/2005 | | S | 1,000 D \$ 19 | 144,631 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 33,705 | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,259 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | 105,465 | I | By Trust (Father) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 25,550 | I | By Trust (medical) |

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|--------------|--------|---|----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 1,986 | I | by trust for 1st daughter |
| Common Stock | 1,986 | I | By trust for 2nd daughter |
| Common Stock | 1,986 | I | By Trust for 3rd daughter |
| Common Stock | 666 | I | by wife in trust for 3 daughters |
| Common Stock | 31,077 | I | by Willetts Building Trust |

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) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.29 | | | | | 08/28/1999 ⁽¹⁾ 08/28/2009 | Common Stock | 13,500 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.67 | | | | | 12/21/2001 ⁽¹⁾ 12/21/2011 | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| | \$ 18 | | | | | 12/29/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 12/29/2014 | | 10,500 |

Stock
Option
(Right to
Buy)

Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILLETTS FREDERICK III 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401 | X | X | Pres., CEO & Chairman of Board | |

Signatures

/s/ Willetts, III,
Frederick

07/28/2005

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) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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