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Form 4 March 31, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MASON ALEXANDER T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP [(MRBK)]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/29/2006

TWO HOPKINS PLAZA (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Vice Chairman

below)

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

X_ Officer (give title

BALTIMORE, MD 21201

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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burden hours per

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					(]	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	3
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 38.23	03/29/2006		M		65,000		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	65,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
MASON ALEXANDER T TWO HOPKINS PLAZA BALTIMORE, MD 21201	X		Vice Chairman					

Signatures

Dennis W. Kreiner p/a for Alexander T.
Mason

03/31/2006

**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).
- These options were granted under the 1999 Mercantile Bankshares Corporation Omnibus Stock Plan and become exercisable pro-rata over 3 years beginning March 29, 2007. The options expire on March 28, 2016.
- (2) Not Applicable

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