

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 BURRELL O C JR

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)  
 12/14/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Exec. V.P. & COO

WILMINGTON, NC 28401

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	22,701 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	19,491 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	21,315	I	By IRA

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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 (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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.66	12/14/2005		A	3,700	12/14/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/14/2015	Common Stock	3,700
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13					12/18/1997 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/18/2007	Common Stock	6,306
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18					12/29/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/29/2014	Common Stock	5,550

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURRELL O C JR 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401			Exec. V.P. & COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Burrell, Jr.,  
O. C. 12/16/2005

\*\*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).

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- (1) 500 shares owned jointly with son.
- (2) Reflects stock acquired through Cooperative Bankshares 401(k) plan exempt from reporting under Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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