

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KING H THOMPSON 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/09/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

201 MARKET STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WILMINGTON, NC 28401

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/09/2008		M	4,000 A \$ 4.92	38,321 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					862 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Custodian for BCK
Common Stock					403 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Custodian for DGS
Common Stock					403 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Custodian for EBS

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Common Stock	403 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Custodian for RK
Common Stock	5,580	I	By IRA
Common Stock	1,890	I	By Spouse's IRA

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.92	04/09/2008		M	4,000	07/15/1999 ⁽²⁾ 07/15/2009	Common Stock	4,000	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					12/29/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/29/2014	Common Stock	4,500	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.77					12/14/2005 ⁽²⁾ 12/14/2015	Common Stock	3,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KING H THOMPSON III
201 MARKET STREET X
WILMINGTON, NC 28401

Signatures

/s/ King, III, H. 04/11/2008
Thompson

 **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) Reflects stock acquired through Cooperative Bankshares Dividend Reinvestment Plan exempt from reporting under Rule 16a-11.
 - (2) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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