

MAYER W CHARLES III
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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 *
 MAYER W CHARLES III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION
 [ASO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1900 5TH AVENUE NORTH
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/28/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr Executive Vice President

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203

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

(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/28/2005		M	5,875 A \$ 17.02	194,845	D	
Common Stock					1,784.2182 (1)	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					1,417	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					7,395.1041	I	By Spouse as custodian for daughter (2)

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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	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.02	12/28/2005		M	5,875	01/31/2002 01/30/2011	Common Stock	5,875	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
MAYER W CHARLES III 1900 5TH AVENUE NORTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	Director 10% Owner Officer Sr Executive Vice President

Signatures

By: Michelle Bridges - Attorney in Fact
12/29/2005
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Between December 2004 and November 2005, reporting person acquired 147.9857 shares in the AmSouth Stock Fund of the AmSouth Thrift Plan.
- (2) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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