MEREDITH CORP

Form 4

November 16, 2004

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person |
|---|
| HENRY FREDERICK B |

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

MEREDITH CORP [MDP]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

11/16/2004

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner _ Other (specify

1716 LOCUST STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

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

Person

below)

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly 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. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | ispose | d of (D) | 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 (\$1 par value) | 11/16/2004 | | Code V M | Amount 2,000 | (D) | Price \$ 34.6 | | D | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 11/16/2004 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 52.69 | 1,900 | D | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 11/16/2004 | | S | 500 | D | \$ 52.65 | 1,400 | D | |

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| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 11/16/2004 | S | 700 | D | \$ 52.55 | 700 | D | |
|---|------------|---|-----|---|-------------|---------|---|----------|
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 11/16/2004 | S | 100 | D | \$ 52.54 | 600 | D | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 11/16/2004 | S | 400 | D | \$ 52.52 | 200 | D | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 11/16/2004 | S | 100 | D | \$ 52.51 | 100 | D | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 11/16/2004 | S | 100 | D | \$ 52.5 | 0 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock (\$1 par value) | | | | | | 457,661 | I | by Trust |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | | | | | | 83,478 | I | by 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)

| Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | Number | Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amour |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | onof Derivative | Expiration Date | Underlying Securit |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired | • | |
| | Derivative | | | | (A) or | | |
| | Security | | | | Disposed of | | |
| | | | | | (D) | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, 4, | | |
| | | | | | and 5) | | |
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| | | | Code | V (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Share |
|---|-----------|------------|------|-------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 34.6 | 11/16/2004 | M | | 2,000 | 11/13/2002 | 11/13/2011 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 2,0 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 45.275 | | | | | 11/12/2003 | 11/12/2012 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 2,0 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 49.75 | | | | | 11/11/2004 | 11/11/2013 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 6,0 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 51.975 | | | | | 11/09/2005 | 11/09/2014 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 6,0 |
| Stock equivalent units | \$ 0 | | | | | 08/08/1988 | 08/08/1988 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 1,5 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| HENRY FREDERICK B 1716 LOCUST STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

By: John S. Zieser, Attorney-in-Fact For: Frederick B.
Henry

11/16/2004

**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) This option was awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- Shares held at Bankers Trust Co. and Wells Fargo Bank in various Trusts for the benefit of the reporting person and his immediate family.
- (2) The reporting person is Co-Trustee and has or shares in voting and dispositive power. Except to the extent of the reporting person's pecuniary interest, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.

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- Stock equivalents issued at fair market value (the average of the high and low selling price of Meredith Common Stock on the issue date), pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s 2002 Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors (the "Plan"), which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1
- (3) par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement from or termination of service on the Meredith Board of Directors. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional stock equivalents. Data in this footnote would normally appear in the Title, Exercisable Date, and Price columns.

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