

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC
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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 *
 WRIGHT O RICHARD 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2005

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 22,795 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 162 | I | By First Daughter |
| Common Stock | | | | | 33,418 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 162 | I | By Second Daughter |

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 (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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.66 | 12/14/2005 | | A | 2,000 | 12/14/2005 ⁽²⁾ 12/14/2015 | Common Stock 2,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.373 | | | | | 07/15/1999 ⁽²⁾ 07/15/2009 | Common Stock 14,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18 | | | | | 12/29/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/29/2014 | Common Stock 3,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WRIGHT O RICHARD JR 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Wright, Jr., O.
Richard 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).

(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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