

CLARK WILLIAM A
Form 5
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FORM 5

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

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CLARK WILLIAM A

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN
FUND INC [CRF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2005

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Vice President

116 SONDELEY PKWY.

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

ASHEVILLE, NC 28805

☒ 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) (A) or Amount (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	3	Â Â Â Â		D	Â

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)

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CLARK WILLIAM A 116 SONDELEY PKWY. ASHEVILLE, NC 28805	X		Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ William A.
Clark

03/08/2006

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Includes (i) 3,074 shares acquired in exchange for securities of The Cornerstone Strategic Return Fund, Inc. pursuant to the merger on (1) October 25, 2002 of The Cornerstone Strategic Return Fund, Inc. with and into the Registrant, and (ii) an aggregate of 505.297 shares subsequently acquired pursuant to the Reporting Person's participation in the Registrant's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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