

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP
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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 *
 Bartlett David L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL
 CORP, 501 MAIN STREET
 (Street)

PINE BLUFF, AR 71603

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL
 CORP [SFNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | Price | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| SFNC | 10/31/2008 | | S | 5,900 | D | \$ 31.01 | 17,140 | I | Bartlett Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| SFNC | 11/03/2008 | | S | 4,100 | D | \$ 31.05 | 13,040 | I | Bartlett Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| SFNC | | | | | | | 5,789 | D | |
| SFNC | | | | | | | 457 | D | |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.2 | 03/22/2004 | | X | 0 | 12/31/2005 03/22/2014 | Common 2,000 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 23.78 | 07/26/2004 | | X | 0 | 07/26/2008 07/26/2014 | Common 600 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 23.78 | 07/26/2004 | | X | 0 | 12/31/2005 07/26/2014 | Common 2,400 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 24.5 | 05/23/2005 | | X | 0 | 05/23/2007 05/24/2015 | Common 222 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 24.5 | 05/23/2005 | | X | 0 | 05/23/2008 05/24/2015 | Common 222 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 24.5 | 05/23/2005 | | X | 0 | 05/23/2009 05/24/2015 | Common 222 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 24.5 | 05/23/2005 | | X | 0 | 12/31/2005 05/24/2015 | Common 444 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | 05/22/2007 05/20/2016 | Common 360 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | 05/22/2008 05/20/2016 | Common 360 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | 05/22/2009 05/20/2016 | Common 360 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | 05/22/2010 05/20/2016 | Common 360 |
| | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | 05/22/2011 05/20/2016 | Common 360 |

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|----------------------------|----------|------------|---|---|------------|------------|--------|-------|--|
| Incentive Stock Option | | | | | | | | | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2007 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 500 | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2008 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 500 | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2009 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 500 | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2010 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 500 | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2011 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 3,000 | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | X | 0 | 05/31/2008 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 480 | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | X | 0 | 05/31/2009 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 480 | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | X | 0 | 05/31/2010 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 480 | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | X | 0 | 05/31/2011 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 480 | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | X | 0 | 05/31/2012 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 480 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2009 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 1,284 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2010 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 1,284 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2011 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 1,284 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2012 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 1,284 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2013 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 1,284 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bartlett David L SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP 501 MAIN STREET PINE BLUFF, AR 71603 | | | President and COO | |

Signatures

/s/ David L. Bartlett by Piper P.
Erwin

11/04/2008

__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) Result of the combination of Bartlett Family Trust I and Bartlett Family Trust II.

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