HOLDING FRANK B

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOLDING FRANK B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ [FCNCA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
, ,	(Last) (First) (Middle) POST OFFICE BOX 1377		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2009	_X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below) Executive Vice Chairman			
SMITHFIELD,	(Street) NC 27577		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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)			4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or (A) or (A) or)	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)		
Class A Common Stock					(-)		240,836 (1)	I	By adult children and their spouses and children		
Class A Common Stock							26,430 (1)	I	By trust for adult children		
Class A Common Stock							8,214 (2)	I	By Twin States Farming, Inc.		
Class A Common							167,600 (2)	I	By First Citizens Bancorporation,		

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Stock								Inc.
Class A Common Stock						28,628 (2)	I	By Heritage BancShares, Inc. and subsidiary
Class A Common Stock						100,000 (2)	I	By Fidelity BancShares, Inc.
Class A Common Stock						46,699 (2)	I	By Southern BancShares(N.C.), Inc.
Class A Common Stock						46,000 (2)	I	By Southern Bank and Trust Company
Class A Common Stock						54,000 (2)	I	By Goshen, Inc.
Class A Common Stock						627 <u>(2)</u>	I	By E&F Properties, Inc.
Class B Common Stock						553,106 (1)	I	By adult children and their spouses and children
Class B Common Stock						45,900 (2)	I	By First Citizens Bancorporation, Inc.
Class B Common Stock						22,619 (2)	I	By Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc.
Class B Common Stock						6,175 <u>(1)</u>	I	By trust for adult children
Class B Common Stock						1,355 <u>(2)</u>	I	By Twin States Farming, Inc.
Class B Common Stock						200 (2)	I	By E&F Properties, Inc.
Class A Common Stock						508,217 (1)	I	By Ella Ann 2009 GRAT
Class B Common Stock	12/22/2009	P	104	A	\$ 166	6,191 <u>(1)</u>	I	By Ella Ann 2008 GRAT

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Class A Common Stock	460,686	D	
Class B Common Stock	34,176 (1)	I	By Ella Ann 2009 GRAT
Class A Common Stock	434 (1)	I	By spouse
Class A Common Stock	98,439	I	By F. Holding 2008 GRAT
Class B Common Stock	2,745 <u>(1)</u>	I	By spouse
Class A Common Stock	709,654 (1)	I	By Ella Ann 2008 GRAT
Class B Common Stock	950 (1)	I	By Ella Ann Lee Holding Revocable Trust dtd October 24, 2007

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{lem:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	rities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr	. 3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
HOLDING FRANK B								
POST OFFICE BOX 1377	X	X	Executive Vice Chairman					
SMITHFIELD, NC 27577								

Signatures

Frank B. Holding, By: William R. Lathan, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the
- (1) reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.

Date

(2) The reporting person is a director, officer and/or principal shareholder of the companies that own these shares, but he disclaims beneficial ownership of the listed shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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