

Garner David W  
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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 \*  
 Garner David W

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/27/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP & Controller

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION, 501 MAIN 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

PINE BLUFF, AR 71603

(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)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
SFNC	02/27/2012		A	885 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 26.68	3,230	D
SFNC							784	D
SFNC							1,891	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	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005		X	0	05/23/2005	05/23/2015	Common	380
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005		X	0	12/31/2005	05/23/2015	Common	570
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2007	05/20/2016	Common	200
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2008	05/20/2016	Common	200
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2009	05/20/2016	Common	200
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2010	05/20/2016	Common	200
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2011	05/20/2016	Common	200
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007		X	0	05/31/2008	05/31/2017	Common	220
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007		X	0	05/31/2009	05/31/2017	Common	220
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007		X	0	05/31/2010	05/31/2017	Common	220
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007		X	0	05/31/2011	05/31/2017	Common	220
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007		X	0	05/31/2012	05/31/2017	Common	220
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008		X	0	05/29/2009	05/28/2018	Common	218

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Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2010	05/28/2018	Common	218
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2011	05/28/2018	Common	218
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2012	05/28/2018	Common	218
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2013	05/28/2018	Common	218

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Garner David W SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION 501 MAIN STREET PINE BLUFF, AR 71603			SVP & Controller	

## Signatures

/s/ David W. Garner by Piper P.  
Erwin

02/28/2012

\_\_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) Shares will vest evenly over the next five years.

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