

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC

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 *
KING H THOMPSON III

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)

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

201 MARKET STREET

06/09/2008

(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/09/2008		G	V 150 D \$ 0	38,345	D	
Common Stock	04/09/2008		G	V 150 D \$ 0	38,195	D	
Common Stock	04/09/2008		G	V 150 D \$ 0	38,045	D	
Common Stock	04/09/2008		G	V 150 D \$ 0	37,895	D	
Common Stock	04/09/2008		G	V 400 D \$ 0	37,495	D	

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Common Stock	04/09/2008		G	V	400	A	\$ 0	400	I	By BNB
Common Stock	04/09/2008		G	V	150	A	\$ 0	1,017	I	By Custodian for BCK
Common Stock	04/09/2008		G	V	150	A	\$ 0	555	I	By Custodian for DGS
Common Stock	04/09/2008		G	V	150	A	\$ 0	555	I	By Custodian for EBS
Common Stock	04/09/2008		G	V	150	A	\$ 0	555	I	By Custodian for RK
Common Stock	06/09/2008		<u>A⁽¹⁾</u>		1,282	A	\$ 8.02	1,282 <u>(1)</u>	I	By Director Retirement Plan
Common Stock	06/09/2008		<u>A⁽¹⁾</u>		4,674	A	\$ 8.2989	5,956 <u>(1)</u>	I	By Director Retirement Plan
Common Stock								5,580	I	By IRA
Common Stock								1,890	I	By Spouse's IRA

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)	8. De	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number

				of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.92	07/15/1999 ⁽²⁾	07/15/2009	Common Stock	4,269
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12	12/29/2004 ⁽²⁾	12/29/2014	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.77	12/14/2005 ⁽²⁾	12/14/2015	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KING H THOMPSON III 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401	X			

Signatures

/s/ King, III, H.
Thompson 06/11/2008

**Signature of Reporting
Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Represents an open market purchase of shares of Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. common stock by the trustee of the trust of the Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. Stock-Based Retirement Plan for Directors on behalf of the Reporting Person who is a participant in the plan. Shares credited to the account of a director under the Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. Stock-Based Retirement Plan for Directors may not be sold, assigned, transferred, disposed of, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise encumbered. Distributions from a director's account shall commence only upon (i) the director's separation from service from the Company for any reason (including resignation or death), or (ii) a specified number of years between one year and five years after the director's separation from service from the Company.

(2) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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