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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KINSLEY ROBERT A

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES

CORP [(MRBK)]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

2 HOPKINS PLAZA (Street) 09/30/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

BALTIMORE, MD 21201

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported (A) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Conversion Securities Security or Exercise Code any

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | Dis | Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and | | | (| | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | (2) | 09/30/2005 | | A | 33 | 3.5028 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 33.5028 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| KINSLEY ROBERT A 2 HOPKINS PLAZA | X | | | | | | |
| BALTIMORE, MD 21201 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

Dennis W. Kreiner p/a for Robert A. Kinsley 10/04/2005

**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).

Date

- (1) Acquired pursuant to the Issuer's Unfunded Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors, and will be settled 100% in stock when the Reporting Person ceases to be a Director or at a later date to be determined by the Reporting Person.
- (2) 1 for 1

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