BOWEN HOWARD B

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Form 4 or Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BOWEN HOWARD B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES

CORP [(MRBK)]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

TWO HOPKINS PLAZA 12/29/2006

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Other (specify

Person

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

BALTIMORE, MD 21201

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

(A)

or

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (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)

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Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Conversion Security or Exercise any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code

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)	Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, at 5)	(D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	12/29/2006		A		770.9774		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	770.9774

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner France / Francess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BOWEN HOWARD B TWO HOPKINS PLAZA BALTIMORE, MD 21201	X						

Signatures

Dennis W. Kreiner p/a for Howard B. Bowen 01/03/2007 Date

**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).
- Acquired under 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.

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