

FERRIER ROBERT G  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**FERRIER ROBERT G**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 100 LIBERTY STREET  
 (Street)  
 WARREN, PA 16365  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/07/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc.      | 09/07/2011                           | 09/07/2011   | M                              |   | 22,500  | A  | \$ 4.35   |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc.      | 09/07/2011                           | 09/07/2011   | F                              |   | 8,176   | D  | \$ 11.97  |

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                      |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 4.35  | 09/07/2011                           | 09/07/2011   | M                              | 22,500  | 10/18/2001   | 10/17/2011  | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy)               | \$ 11.97   | 09/07/2011                           | 09/07/2011   | A                              | 8,176   | 10/18/2001   | 10/17/2011  | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FERRIER ROBERT G<br>100 LIBERTY STREET<br>WARREN, PA 16365 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Robert G.  
Ferrier

09/08/2011

\_\_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) Constructively exchanged 8,176 shares in order to exercise 22,500 stock options. Stock in the amount of 14,324 was issued.

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