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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GEARY RONALD G**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

VENTAS INC [VTR]

(Check all applicable)

9901 LINN STATION ROAD

(First)

(Street)

(State)

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

01/01/2009

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

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

D

Person

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

LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

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

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 Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D)

Common 01/01/2009

2,059 A \$0 17,795.697 (1)

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)

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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 on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and A	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.57	01/01/2009		A	5,000 (2)	01/01/2009(3)	01/01/2019	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GEARY RONALD G 9901 LINN STATION ROAD LOUISVILLE, KY 40223	X					

Signatures

Ronald G. Geary, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact
01/05/2009

**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) Restricted Stock granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Stock Plan for Directors (the "Stock Plan"). This Restricted Stock vests in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (2) Stock Options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Stock Plan.
- (3) These options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.

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