

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC  
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**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 \*  
 SAMMONS TODD L

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)  
 201 MARKET STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/20/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. V.P. -- CFO

WILMINGTON, NC 28401

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/20/2008		M	1,125 A \$ 4.89	3,744 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					19,373 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					199 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Daughter
Common Stock					199 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By First Son
Common Stock					198 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Second Son

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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	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.89	03/20/2008		M	1,125	01/01/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/01/2010	Common Stock	1,125
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.82					01/01/2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/01/2012	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.87					02/02/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/02/2014	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					12/29/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/29/2014	Common Stock	6,750
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.77					12/14/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/14/2015	Common Stock	4,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
				Sr. V.P. -- CFO

SAMMONS TODD L  
201 MARKET STREET  
WILMINGTON, NC 28401

## Signatures

/s/ Sammons,  
Todd L.

03/21/2008

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) In addition to the shares purchased which are reported pursuant to the Form 4, the amount beneficially owned has been increased by shares acquired through Cooperative Bankshares Dividend Reinvestment Plan which are exempt from reporting under Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Reflects stock acquired through Cooperative Bankshares 401(k) plan exempt from reporting under Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Reflects stock acquired through Cooperative Bankshares Dividend Reinvestment Plan exempt from reporting under Rule 16a-11.
- (4) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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