

REID J MARSHALL
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
REID J MARSHALL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP [(MRBK)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2004

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

TWO HOPKINS PLAZA
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

BALTIMORE, MD 21201

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 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/03/2004	Â	M4	110	A	\$ 14.583	24,804.701	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	7,964.509	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock	09/03/2004	Â	G	110	D	\$ 0	24,694.701	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	7,964.509	I	See Footnote

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 45.25	03/03/2004	^	A4	20,000 ^	03/02/2005(2) 03/04/2014	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 14.583	09/03/2004	^	M4	^ 110	09/03/2004 03/13/2005	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
REID J MARSHALL TWO HOPKINS PLAZA BALTIMORE, MD 21201	^	^	^ Executive Officer	^

Signatures

Dennis W. Kreiner under P/A for J. Marshall Reid 02/09/2005

**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) Owned by spouse.

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(2) Options become exercisable as to one third of grant on the first three anniversaries of grant date.

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