

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BRIDGER DICKSON B**

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)  
**12/14/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior V.P.-- Mortgage Lending**

**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  
 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 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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					3,180 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					14,763 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					2,187 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Son (DBB,Jr.)
Common Stock					2,187 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Son(MWB)
Common Stock					199 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Spouse

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.66	12/14/2005		A	3,000	12/14/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/14/2015	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.3333					01/01/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/01/2010	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.2333					01/01/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/01/2012	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.8					02/02/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/02/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18					12/29/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/29/2014	Common Stock	4,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

BRIDGER DICKSON B  
201 MARKET STREET  
WILMINGTON, NC 28401

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## Signatures

/s/ Bridger,  
Dickson B.

12/16/2005

\*\*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) Reflects stock acquired through Cooperative Bankshares Dividend Reinvestment Plan 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) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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