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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 *
 Townsend Thomas J

(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)
 08/27/2018

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)
 EVP, Chief Risk Officer

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. Common Stock	08/27/2018		M		2,040 A \$ 13.15	24,100	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	08/27/2018		M		2,220 A \$ 12.37	26,320	D
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	08/27/2018		M		3,744 A \$ 14.15	30,064	D

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Inc.
Common
Stock

Northwest
Bancshares,

Inc. 08/27/2018 M 2,496 A \$ 15.57 32,560 D

Common
Stock

Northwest
Bancshares,

Inc. 08/27/2018 S 10,500 D \$ 18.4026 22,060 D

Common
Stock

Northwest
Bancshares,

Inc. 4,945.179 I 401-K

Common
Stock

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.15	08/27/2018		M	2,040	05/21/2014 05/21/2024	Common Stock	2,040
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.37	08/27/2018		M	2,220	05/20/2015 05/20/2025	Common Stock	2,220

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Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.15	08/27/2018	M	3,744	05/18/2016	05/18/2026	Common Stock	3,744
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.57	08/27/2018	M	2,496	05/17/2017	05/17/2027	Common Stock	2,496

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Townsend Thomas J 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365			EVP, Chief Risk Officer	

Signatures

Thomas J.
Townsend

08/29/2018

__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) Average price of 14 lots with a high of \$18.425 and a low of \$18.37.
- (2) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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