

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC

Form 4

March 21, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

WILMINGTON, NC 28401

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 ⁽¹⁾ D
Common Stock						19,373 ⁽²⁾	I By 401(k)
Common Stock						199 ⁽³⁾	I By Daughter
Common Stock						199 ⁽³⁾	I By First Son
Common Stock						198 ⁽³⁾	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 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/01/2010	Common Stock 1,125
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.82					01/01/2002 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/01/2012	Common Stock 11,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.87					02/02/2004 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/02/2014	Common Stock 4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					12/29/2004 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/29/2014	Common Stock 6,750
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.77					12/14/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ 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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