# FERRIER ROBERT G Form 3 December 18, 2009 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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owned directly or indirectly.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> FERRIER ROBERT G			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/18/2009	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
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	(Street)		(Check all applicable)			)	6. Individual or Joint/Group		
WARREN, PA 16365				Officer 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)			Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securit	ies Be	neficially Owned		
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr			
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.			13,529.25		D	Â			
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.			24,649.25		Ι	IRA	ł		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.			450		Ι	Wife			
Reminder: Rep	-		each class of securities benefic	ially S	EC 1473 (7-02	2)			

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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/18/2001	10/17/2011	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	22,500	\$ 4.35	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	22,500	\$ 10.19	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,750	\$ 9.79	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/18/2010	02/18/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,750	\$ 7.48	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Add	ress	Relationships					
		10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FERRIER ROBERT G 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures							
Robert G. Ferrier	12/18/2009						
**Signature of	Date						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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Reporting Person