

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1(b).**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WRIGHT O RICHARD JR2. 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)
05/19/2008☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)**WILMINGTON, NC 28401**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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**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)
Common Stock	05/19/2008		M	(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price 2,000 A \$ 4.92	48,473 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					51,692 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(k)

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 (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)	\$ 4.92	05/19/2008		M	2,000	07/15/1999 ⁽²⁾	07/15/2009	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					12/29/2004 ⁽²⁾	12/29/2014	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.77					12/14/2005 ⁽²⁾	12/14/2015	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WRIGHT O RICHARD JR 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401	X

Signatures

/s/ Wright, Jr., O.
Richard

05/20/2008

__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) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

(2) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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