

Birch Robert F Jr
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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 *
 Birch Robert F Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HOME BANCSHARES INC
 [HOMB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 P.O. BOX 966
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/24/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Centennial Bank Regional Pres.

CONWAY, AR 72033

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/24/2011 | | M | 3,000 A \$ 8.68 | 5,284.9196 (6) | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/24/2011 | | S | 3,000 D \$ 23.75 | 2,284.9196 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 48,385.366 (5) | I | By the Bob Birch Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,988.873 (2) | I | By IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 664 | I | By wife's IRA |

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------|
| Common Stock | 11,415.238 <u>(3)</u> | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock - Restricted | 4,919 <u>(1)</u> <u>(4)</u> | D | |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 8.68 | 10/24/2011 | | M | 3,000 | 11/30/2001 11/30/2011 | Common Stock | 3,000 | |
| Performance Stock Option | \$ 11.09 | | | | | 01/01/2010 03/13/2016 | Common Stock | 14,820 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 8.68 | | | | | 11/30/2002 11/30/2012 | Common Stock | 12,090 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 8.68 | | | | | 11/30/2003 11/30/2013 | Common Stock | 12,090 | |
| Stock Option | \$ 8.68 | | | | | 11/30/2004 11/30/2014 | Common Stock | 12,090 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Birch Robert F Jr P.O. BOX 966 CONWAY, AR 72033 | | | Centennial Bank Regional Pres. | |

Signatures

/s/Robert F. Birch Jr. by Rachel
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10/26/2011

__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) Restricted Stock granted on January 22, 2010 will vest in 33 1/3% installments over three years each January 22nd.
- (2) Includes 0.5264 shares acquired through the Home BancShares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan since the last filing.
- (3) Includes 35.497 shares acquired through the Home BancShares, Inc. 401(k) Plan since the last filing.
- (4) Restricted Stock granted on February 2, 2011 will vest in 33 1/3% installments over three years each February 2nd.
- (5) Includes 163.7471 shares acquired through the Home BancShares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan since the last filing.
- (6) Includes 19.7251 shares acquired through the Home BancShares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan since the last filing.

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