

MEREDITH CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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 \*  
GRIFFIN JOHN H JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1716 LOCUST STREET  
(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MEREDITH CORP [MDP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/12/2008

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)  
President - Publishing Group

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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) <sup>(1)</sup>                  | 08/14/2008                           |  | P                              | 2,636 A \$ 29.75  | 13,831  | D  |   |
| Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value) <sup>(2)</sup>     | 08/12/2008                           |  | A                              | 2,300 A \$ 0  | 34,806  | D  |   |
| Common Stock (Restricted-ROE) (\$1 par value) <sup>(3)</sup> | 08/12/2008                           |  | A                              | 12,500 A \$ 0   | 12,500  | D  |   |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) <sup>(4)</sup>                  |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,290   | I  | by Managed Account                                    |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(5)</u> | \$ 29.23   | 08/12/2008                           |  | A                              | 75,000  | 08/12/2011   | 08/12/2021  | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 75                         |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(5)</u> | \$ 46.21   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/08/2009   | 08/08/2016  | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 30                         |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(5)</u> | \$ 49.1  |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/09/2008   | 08/09/2015  | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 26                         |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(5)</u> | \$ 49.97   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/10/2007   | 08/10/2014  | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 40                         |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(5)</u> | \$ 53.9  |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/07/2010   | 08/07/2017  | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 30                         |
| Restricted stock units <u>(6)</u>                    | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/08/1988   | 08/08/1988  | Common Stock (\$1 par value) | 14                         |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

GRIFFIN JOHN H JR  
1716 LOCUST STREET  
DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

President - Publishing Group

## Signatures

By: Teresa T. Rinker, by Power of Attorney For: John H. Griffin, Jr.

08/14/2008

\_\_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) Shares held by the reporting person in street name.

(2) Shares were awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corporation Stock Incentive Plans. The shares are subject to forfeiture and are nontransferable until vested, either on the third or the fifth anniversary of the grant date, as specified in each award agreement.

(3) Restricted stock granted pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s 2004 Stock Incentive Plan which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the attainment of the ROE criteria specified in the award agreement and the completion of a three-year period of service.

(4) Mr. Griffin holds shares of Common Stock (\$1 par value) in his Meredith Corporation Savings & Investment (401k) and Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP) accounts. Quarterly dividends on the 401(k) and ESPP shares are paid in the form of additional Common Stock, \$1 par value. This footnote would normally be included in column 4. On 6-5-2007, Mr. Griffin moved 860 shares from his Meredith ESPP account to his street name account, a transaction exempt from reporting per Rule 16a-13.

(5) This option was granted pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plans and becomes exercisable in its entirety on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

(6) Restricted stock units granted pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s 2004 Stock Incentive Plan which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the attainment of specified EPS growth targets and the completion of a three-year period of service. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional restricted stock units.

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