

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC  
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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 \*  
**WILLETTS FREDERICK III**

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/28/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Pres., CEO & Chairman of Board

**WILMINGTON, NC 28401**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/28/2005		S	1,000 D \$ 19	144,631	D	
Common Stock					33,705	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					2,259	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					105,465	I	By Trust (Father)
Common Stock					25,550	I	By Trust (medical)

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Common Stock	1,986	I	by trust for 1st daughter
Common Stock	1,986	I	By trust for 2nd daughter
Common Stock	1,986	I	By Trust for 3rd daughter
Common Stock	666	I	by wife in trust for 3 daughters
Common Stock	31,077	I	by Willetts Building Trust

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.29					08/28/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> 08/28/2009	Common Stock	13,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.67					12/21/2001 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/21/2011	Common Stock	12,000
	\$ 18					12/29/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/29/2014		10,500

Stock  
Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLETTS FREDERICK III 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401	X	X	Pres., CEO & Chairman of Board	

## Signatures

/s/ Willetts, III,  
Frederick

07/28/2005

\_\_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) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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