

CITY HOLDING CO  
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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 \*  
**FRANCIS GERALD R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
25 GATEWATER ROAD  
  
(Street)

CROSS LANES, WV 25313

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CITY HOLDING CO [CHCO]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2004

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)  
Chairman, President & CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2004		J <sup>(3)</sup>	42 D \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	65,103	D	
Common Stock					6,345	I	by Francis Family Ltd Partnership
Common Stock					1,812.962 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	by 401(k) Plan & 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 33.9					08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/24/2014	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 5.75					08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/30/2011	Common Stock	165,218
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 13.3					08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/22/2012	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 28					08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/25/2013	Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRANCIS GERALD R 25 GATEWATER ROAD CROSS LANES, WV 25313	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

Victoria A. Evans,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/21/2004

\*\*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) Includes shares acquired pursuant to the Company's 401(k) Plan & Trust during the fiscal year in transactions exempt from 16b under old Rule 16a8(b). Share totals are reported as of the 12/31/2003 plan valuation date.
- (2) Option awards are subject to value vesting and vest only when the stock achieves certain target thresholds.
- (3) Shares gifted by the reporting person to The West Virginia Symphony at an undisclosed price.

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