

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 BURTON PAUL G

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)

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

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

201 MARKET STREET

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

(Street)

WILMINGTON, NC 28401

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2008 | | M | | 21,500 | A | \$ 4.92 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,000 | I | |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 4.92 | 02/20/2008 | | M | 21,500 | 07/15/1999 ⁽²⁾ 07/15/2009 | Common Stock 21,500 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12 ⁽³⁾ | | | | | 12/29/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/29/2014 | Common Stock 4,500 ⁽³⁾ |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.77 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | 12/14/2005 ⁽²⁾ 12/14/2015 | Common Stock 3,000 ⁽⁴⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BURTON PAUL G 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Burton, Paul
G. 02/21/2008

**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) Also includes stock acquired through Cooperative Bankshares Dividend Reinvestment Plan exempt from reporting under Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.
- (3)

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This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 shares at an exercise price of \$18.00 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the 3-for-2 stock split on June 30, 2007.

- (4) This option was previously reported as covering 2,000 shares at an exercise price of \$20.66 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the 3-for-2 stock split on June 30, 2007.

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