COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KING H THOMPSON III

(Last) (First) (Middle)

201 MARKET STREET

(Street)

WILMINGTON, NC 28401

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC [COOP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/09/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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	04/09/2008		M		4,000	A	$ 4.92	38,321 (1)	D	
Common Stock								862 (1)	I	By Custodian for BCK
Common Stock								403 (1)	I	By Custodian for DGS
Common Stock								403 (1)	I	By Custodian for EBS

Common Stock	403 (1)	I	By Custodian for RK
Common Stock	5,580	I	By IRA
Common Stock	1,890	I	By Spouse's IRA

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 (Right to Buy)	$ 4.92	04/09/2008		M			4,000	07/15/1999(2)	07/15/2009	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 12							12/29/2004(2)	12/29/2014	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 13.77							12/14/2005(2)	12/14/2015	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

KING H THOMPSON III
201 MARKET STREET
WILMINGTON, NC 28401

X

Signatures

/s/ King, III, H. Thompson — 04/11/2008

**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) Reflects stock acquired through Cooperative Bankshares Dividend Reinvestment Plan exempt from reporting under Rule 16a-11.

(2) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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