

STILWELL CRAIG G  
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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 \*  
STILWELL CRAIG G

(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)  
12/21/2005

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)  
EVP, Retail Banking

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	1,210.627 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	by 401(k) Plan & Trust
Common Stock	12/21/2005		A	300 A \$ 0	25,513	D	

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 13.3					08/08/1988 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/22/2012	Common Stock	3,900
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 28					08/08/1988 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/25/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 33.9					08/08/1988 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/24/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 31.32					08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/24/2015	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 36.9	12/21/2005		A	5,000	12/21/2005	12/20/2015	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STILWELL CRAIG G 25 GATEWATER ROAD CROSS LANES, WV 25313			EVP, Retail Banking	

## Signatures

Victoria A. Evans,  
Attorney-in-fact

12/23/2005

                        \*\*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) Option awards are subject to value vesting and vest only when the stock achieves certain target thresholds.
- (2) 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 12/31/2004 plan valuation date.
- (3) Options will vest and become exercisable in five separate installments as follows: 1,000 on 2/25/2006; 1,000 on 2/25/2007; 1,000 on 2/25/2008; 1,000 on 2/25/2009; and 1,000 on 2/25/2010.

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