

MAYER W CHARLES III  
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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 \*  
 MAYER W CHARLES III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION [ASO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1900 5TH AVENUE NORTH  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/28/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr Executive Vice President

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203

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

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/28/2005		M	5,875 A \$ 17.02	194,845	D	
Common Stock					1,784.2182 (1)	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					1,417	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					7,395.1041	I	By Spouse as custodian for daughter (2)



## 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) Between December 2004 and November 2005, reporting person acquired 147.9857 shares in the AmSouth Stock Fund of the AmSouth Thrift Plan.
- (2) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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