

VENTAS INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
THEOBALD THOMAS C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 285

(Street)

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VENTAS INC [VTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2009

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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	01/01/2009		A	(A) or (D) 2,059 (1)	\$ 0 23,108.449 (2)	D	
Common Stock					3,000 (3)	I	By Trust
Common Stock					1,000 (4)	I	By Child

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- (5) Stock Options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Stock Plan.
- (6) These options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.

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