

Nichols John R
Form 4
May 25, 2012

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Nichols John R

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
MIDSOUTH BANCORP INC
[MSL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
102 VERSAILLES BLVD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/23/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
SEVP, Chief Credit Officer

LAFAYETTE, LA 70501

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	05/23/2012		A	0	A	\$ 0 509.01	D
Common Stock	05/23/2012		A	0	A	\$ 0 3,823.68	I ESOP
Common Stock	05/23/2012		A	0	A	\$ 0 1,984	D
Common Stock	05/23/2012		A	0	A	\$ 0 2,038.59	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock Options	\$ 12.97	05/23/2012		A		17,579	<u>(1)</u> 05/23/2022	Common Stock 0
Stock Options	\$ 20.88	05/23/2012		A		0	<u>(1)</u> 12/14/2015	Common Stock 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Nichols John R 102 VERSAILLES BLVD LAFAYETTE, LA 70501	SEVP, Chief Credit Officer

Signatures

Shaleen B. Pellerin, Attorney
in Fact 05/25/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Up to 20% of the total during the second year; up to 40% during the third year; up to 60% during the fourth year; up to 80% during the
(1) fifth year and during the sixth and each subsequent year until ten years from the date of the grant up to 100% of the total number of
shares.

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