

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC

Form 4

July 16, 2008

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 *
WRIGHT O RICHARD JR

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

201 MARKET STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/16/2008

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

WILMINGTON, NC 28401

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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	07/16/2008		M		2,000	A	\$ 4.92	50,474	D	
Common Stock								51,692	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock								4,724	I	By Director Retirement Plan

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 (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	07/16/2008		M	2,000	07/15/1999 ⁽¹⁾ 07/15/2009	Common Stock 2,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					12/29/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 12/29/2014	Common Stock 4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.77					12/14/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 12/14/2015	Common Stock 3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WRIGHT O RICHARD JR 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401	X			

Signatures

/s/ Wright, Jr., O.
Richard 07/16/2008

**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) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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