HARVEY WILLIAM W Form 3 December 18, 2009 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reportin Person <u>*</u> HARVEY WILLIAM W	Statement	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]			
	ldle) 12/18/200	9	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
100 LIBERTY STREET			(Chaol	allappliashla	`		
(Street)				(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group	
WARREN, PA 16365			Director X Officer (give title below Exec. V.I	Othe	ow)	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Z	ip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	tive Securit	ies Be	eneficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ture of Indirect Beneficial ership : 5)	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.		37,000		D	Â		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.		686.25		Ι	IRA		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.		686.25		Ι	Wife	e's IRA	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.		5,036.7		Ι	401-	K	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.		7,932.9		Ι	ESO	P	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/18/2001	10/17/2011	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	9,675	\$ 4.35	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	08/21/2002	08/21/2012	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	11,475	\$ 5.91	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	08/20/2003	08/20/2013	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	11,475	\$ 7.37	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/15/2004	12/15/2014	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	11,475	\$ 11.33	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12,937.5	\$ 10.19	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12,937.5	\$ 9.86	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/18/2010	02/18/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12,937.5	\$ 11.51	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/18/2007	01/18/2016	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12,937.5	\$ 11.12	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/17/2008	01/17/2017	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12,937.5	\$ 9.79	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/16/2009	01/16/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12,937.5	\$ 7.48	D	Â	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director 10% Owner Officer		Officer	Other		
HARVEY WILLIAM W	Â	Â	Exec. V.P., Finance, CFO	Â		
100 LIBERTY STREET						

WARREN, PAÂ 16365

Signatures

William W. Harvey, Jr.

12/18/2009

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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