

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**KING H THOMPSON III**

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/29/2007**

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

**201 MARKET STREET**

(Street)

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

**WILMINGTON, NC 28401**

(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 or Disposed of (A) or (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)
Common Stock	05/29/2007		M	V 3,406 A \$ 4.916	36,505	D	
Common Stock	05/29/2007		F	V 1,000 D \$ 16.74	35,505	D	
Common Stock	05/29/2007		G	V 1,600 D \$ 0	33,905 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/29/2007		G	V 400 A \$ 0	853 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Custodian for BCK <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	05/29/2007		G	V 400 A \$ 0	400	I	By Custodian

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Common Stock	05/29/2007		G	V	400	A	\$ 0	400	I	for DGS By Custodian for EBS
Common Stock	05/29/2007		G	V	400	A	\$ 0	400	I	By Custodian for RK
Common Stock								5,580	I	By IRA
Common Stock								1,890	I	By Spouse's IRA

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.916	05/29/2007		M	3,406	07/15/1999 <sup>(3)</sup>	07/15/2009	Common Stock	3,406
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					12/29/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/29/2014	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.773					12/14/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/14/2015	Common Stock	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KING H THOMPSON III 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401	X			

## Signatures

/s/ King, III, H.  
Thompson

05/31/2007

  \*\*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) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Previously reported as being held indirectly by Custodian for Granddaughter.
- (3) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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