

MCDOWELL RICHARD E  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MCDOWELL RICHARD E

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 LIBERTY STREET  
(Street)  
WARREN, PA 16365  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2012

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12/13/2012	12/13/2012	G	V	800 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 0 151,370	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12/13/2012	12/13/2012	G	V	350 <sup>(2)</sup> D \$ 0 151,020	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12/13/2012	12/13/2012	G	V	1,500 <sup>(3)</sup> D \$ 0 149,520	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12/13/2012	12/13/2012	G	V	1,000 <sup>(4)</sup> D \$ 0 148,520	D	

Northwest Bancshares, Inc. 12/13/2012 12/13/2012 G V 800 <sup>(5)</sup> D \$ 0 147,720 D

Northwest Bancshares, Inc. 20,000 I 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCDOWELL RICHARD E 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365	X			

## Signatures

Richard E. McDowell 12/17/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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(3) Non-family gift. This gift is reported voluntarily, therefore, no price is required.

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