WAGNER WILLIAM J 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 Addres Person <u>*</u> WAGNER W	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]						
(Last) (Fin	st) (Middle)	12/18/2009)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
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(City) (Sta	te) (Zip)		Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3.4. NatuOwnershipOwnerForm:(Instr.Direct (D)or Indirect(I)(Instr. 5)		Owne		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock 10:				105,226.56		D	Â		
Northwest Bancs	170,991.61			Ι	Wife				
Northwest Bancs	4,762			Ι	IRA				
Northwest Bancs	5,840			Ι	Wife's IRA				
Northwest Bancs	3,398.94			I Trust f		t for Daughter			
Northwest Bancs	3,406.92			Ι	Trus	t for Son			
Northwest Bancs	107,362.05			Ι	401-K				
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock 44				,988.06		IH		P	

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

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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 Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/18/2001	10/17/2011	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	19,350	\$ 4.35	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	08/21/2002	08/21/2012	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	24,750	\$ 5.91	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	08/20/2003	08/20/2013	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	24,750	\$ 7.37	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/15/2004	12/15/2014	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	24,750	\$ 11.33	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/19/2006	01/19/2015	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,375	\$ 10.19	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/18/2007	01/18/2016	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,375	\$ 9.86	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/17/2008	01/17/2017	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,375	\$ 11.51	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	01/16/2009	01/16/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,375	\$ 11.12	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,375	\$ 9.79	D	Â	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/18/2010	02/18/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	21,375	\$ 7.48	D	Â	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Add	lress	Relationships					
		10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WAGNER WILLIAM J 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365	ÂX	Â	President & CEO	Â			
Signatures							
William J. Wagner	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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