Northwest Bancshares, Inc.

Form 4 May 22, 2015

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]

See Instruction

(Middle)

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

McTavish Julia W

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

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	(Street)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
WARREN, P	A 16365	Filed(Month	·				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Z	Table	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 05/20/2015	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) 05/20/2015	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, Amount 5,850 (1)	(A) or	d of (D)	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)	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock							927.274 (3)	I	Custodian for Daughter	
Northwest Bancshares,							9,011.943 (4)	I	401-K	

Inc.

Common

Stock

Northwest

Bancshares,

Inc.

Common Stock 18,453.693 ₍₅₎

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4. 5. Number of		6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of	
Security	Conversion or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	TransactiorDerivative Code Securities		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)					
				(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
C. 1				Code v	(A) (D)				of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.37	05/20/2015	05/20/2015	A	12,480 (2)	05/20/2015	05/20/2025	Common Stock	12,480

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McTavish Julia W

100 LIBERTY STREET Exec. V.P., Human Resources

WARREN, PA 16365

Signatures

Julia W. 05/22/2015 McTavish

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Reporting Owners 2

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- * 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) One tenth of this grant of RRP shares will vest each year beginning May 20, 2015 and on each May 20th thereafter through May 20, 2024
- One tenth of this grant of stock options will vest each year beginning May 20, 2015 and on each May 20th thereafter through May 20, 2024.
- (3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
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