Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Form 3 August 21, 2015 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB Number:

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 <u>*</u> Bickerton Michael			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/14/2015	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
100 LIBER	TY STREE	ΕT						
	(Street)			(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting	
WARREN, PA 16365				XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) EVP Commercial Lending		Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Deriva	n-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	ırity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ture of Indirect Beneficial ership : 5)	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock			non Stock 14,590	14,590		Â		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.			618	18		401-	K	
Reminder: Rej owned directly	-		ach class of securities benefic	cially S	SEC 1473 (7-02	2)		

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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Date Exercisable	Expiration ' Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect
			Shares		(I) (I)
					(Instr. 5)

# **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Add</b>	lress	Relationships				
FoB o week of the second se		10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Bickerton Michael 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365	Â	Â	EVP Commercial Lending	Â		
Signatures						
Michael Bickerton	08/21/2015					

<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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