#### SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP

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#### FORM 4

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

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

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Estimated average

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

124,019

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*See* Instruction 1(b).

common

stock

(Print or Type Responses)

**BLANCHARD JAMES H** 

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

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(Last) (First) (Middle) P. O. BOX 120			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2006					X Director 10% Owner Selficer (give title Other (specify below) below)  Chairman of the Board			
File					4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
	COLUMBU	S, GA 31902							Person		
	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of	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	05/05/2006			J <u>(1)</u>	37,999	A	\$0	1,162,119 (2)	D	
	common stock	05/19/2006			M	150	A	\$ 22	1,162,269	D	
	common stock								91,777	I	GRAT Jan 2006
	common stock								169,088	I	By Spouse

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7/2003

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common stock	05/05/2006	<u>J(1)</u>	37,999	D	\$0	331	I	GRAT 5/2004
common stock	05/05/2006	G	331	D	\$0	0	I	GRAT 5/2004
common stock						14,018	I	GRAT 10/2004

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. 5. Number Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		3	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 22	05/19/2006		M		150	06/02/2001	06/01/2006	common stock	150	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BLANCHARD JAMES H P. O. BOX 120 COLUMBUS, GA 31902	X		Chairman of the Board				

## **Signatures**

Garilou Page, 05/19/2006 Attorney-in-Fact

Reporting Owners 2 \*\*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).
- On May 5, 2006, the form of ownership of these shares changed when the shares were distributed from the reporting person's grantor retained annuity trust to the reporting person.
- (2) Includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.

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