

MEREDITH CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
REDING NICHOLAS L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1716 LOCUST STREET
(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MEREDITH CORP [MDP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/16/2005

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock (\$1 par value) ⁽¹⁾	05/16/2005		M	4,000 A \$ 18.0313	22,340	D	
Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value) ⁽²⁾					5,588	D	

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 18.0313	05/16/2005		M	4,000	11/14/1996	11/14/2005	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 25.8438					11/11/1997	11/12/2006	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 31.5					11/14/2001	11/14/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 34.6					11/13/2002	11/13/2011	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 34.7813					11/11/1998	11/11/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 36.7188					11/09/2000	11/09/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 39.0313					11/10/1999	11/10/2008	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,000
	\$ 45.275					11/12/2003	11/12/2012		6,000

