MEREDITH CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Repor HENRY FREDERICK B	_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MEREDITH CORP [MDP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
1716 LOCUST STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2004	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
DES MOINES, IA 50309	0-3023	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		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 (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004		Code V S	Amount 100	(D)	Price \$ 53.74	64,878	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004		S	300	D	\$ 53.9	64,578	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004		S	200	D	\$ 53.68	64,378	I	by Trust

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Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	200	D	\$ 53.74	64,178	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	300	D	\$ 53.81	63,878	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	500	D	\$ 53.88	63,378	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	100	D	\$ 53.75	63,278	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	100	D	\$ 53.76	63,178	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	1,500	D	\$ 53.78	61,678	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	300	D	\$ 53.93	61,378	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	100	D	\$ 54	61,278	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	100	D	\$ 54	61,178	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	200	D	\$ 53.98	60,978	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	700	D	\$ 53.9	60,278	I	by Trust
	12/13/2004	S	300	D	\$ 53.9	59,978	I	by Trust

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Common Stock (\$1 par value)								
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	700	D	\$ 53.89	59,278	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	200	D	\$ 53.95	59,078	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	200	D	\$ 54	58,878	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	500	D	\$ 54	58,378	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	300	D	\$ 54	58,078	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	300	D	\$ 53.98	57,778	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 53.9	56,778	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 53.88	55,778	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	100	D	\$ 53.89	55,678	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	200	D	\$ 53.87	55,478	I	by Trust
	12/13/2004	S	200	D		55,278	I	by Trust

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Common Stock (\$1 par value)					\$ 53.87			
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	300	D	\$ 53.87	54,978	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	1,200	D	\$ 53.88	53,778	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	600	D	\$ 53.88	53,178	I	by Trust
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12/13/2004	S	200	D	\$ 53.88	52,978	I	by Trust

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. Transa Code (Instr.		5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HENRY FREDERICK B 1716 LOCUST STREET X DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

Signatures

By: John S. Zieser, Attorney-in-Fact For: Frederick B.
Henry

12/14/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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).
 - Shares held at Bankers Trust Co. and Wells Fargo Bank in various Trusts for the benefit of the reporting person and his immediate family.
- (1) The reporting person is Co-Trustee and has or shares in voting and dispositive power. Except to the extent of the reporting person's pecuniary interest, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.

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