

WILLETTS FREDERICK III
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FORM 4

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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 *
WILLETTS FREDERICK III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC [COOP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 201 MARKET STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/07/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Pres., CEO & Chairman of Board

WILMINGTON, NC 28401

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | P | 1,000 A \$ 13.12 | 256,771 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 56,906 | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 61,021 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ | I | By Mother |
| Common Stock | | | | | 45,099 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By Mother's IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,490 | I | By Spouse |

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|--------------|--|---------|---|----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | 158,197 | I | By Trust (Father) |
| Common Stock | | 35,825 | I | By Trust (medical) |
| Common Stock | | 3,068 | I | by trust for 1st daughter |
| Common Stock | | 3,068 | I | By trust for 2nd daughter |
| Common Stock | | 3,068 | I | By Trust for 3rd daughter |
| Common Stock | | 1,029 | I | by wife in trust for 3 daughters |
| Common Stock | | 1,615 | I | by Willetts Building 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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12 | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable 12/29/2004 ⁽³⁾ Expiration Date 12/29/2014 | Common Stock | 15,750 |

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|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.7733 | 12/14/2005 ⁽³⁾ | 12/14/2015 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILLETTS FREDERICK III 201 MARKET STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401 | X | X | Pres., CEO & Chairman of Board | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Willetts, III, Frederick | 12/11/2007 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
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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).
Reporting person may be deemed the beneficial owner of shares beneficially owned by his mother due to dispositive authority granted to
 - (1) him under a general Power of Attorney on behalf of and for the benefit of his mother. Reporting person disclaims having a beneficial ownership interest in such shares for purposes of Section 16 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.
 - (2) Includes 174 shares previously owned indirectly through Mother's IRA.
 - (3) Stock Options fully vested on date of grant.

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