

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP  
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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 \*  
 Cook Kenneth C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP [(MRBK)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 TWO HOPKINS PLAZA  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/08/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Officer

BALTIMORE, MD 21201  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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			
				(1) (2) (3)			
Common Stock	03/08/2005		A	1,000 \$ 0	1,986.234	D	
Common Stock					30.547	I	As UGMA custodian for son
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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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 51.22	03/08/2005		M	2,500	(1) (1)	Common Stock	2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cook Kenneth C TWO HOPKINS PLAZA BALTIMORE, MD 21201			Executive Officer	

## Signatures

Dennis W. Kreiner p/a Kenneth C. Cook  
03/10/2005  
\*\*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).
- (1) These restricted shares and options were granted under the 1999 Mercantile Bankshares Corporation Omnibus Stock Plan and become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning March 8, 2006. The options expire on March 7, 2015.
- (2) Plus an indeterminable number of additional shares which may be issued on the vesting of the above shares of restricted stock, as if cash dividends had been paid on such stock and reinvested under the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Not Applicable

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