

FERRIER ROBERT G  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**FERRIER ROBERT G**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 100 LIBERTY STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/07/2011

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

WARREN, PA 16365  
 (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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	09/07/2011	09/07/2011	M		22,500	A	\$ 4.35
					48,029		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	09/07/2011	09/07/2011	F		8,176	D	\$ 11.97
					39,853		

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.35	09/07/2011	09/07/2011	M	22,500	10/18/2001	10/17/2011	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.97	09/07/2011	09/07/2011	A	8,176	10/18/2001	10/17/2011	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FERRIER ROBERT G 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365		X		

## Signatures

Robert G.  
Ferrier

09/08/2011

\_\_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) Constructively exchanged 8,176 shares in order to exercise 22,500 stock options. Stock in the amount of 14,324 was issued.

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