

SOPP GERALD F
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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 *
SOPP GERALD F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WILMINGTON TRUST CORP
[WL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
108 MUTE SWAN PLACE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President and Controller

NEWARK, DE 19711

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					42	D	
Common Stock					1,800	I	By IRA

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
Incentive Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 27.91					02/20/2006 02/19/2013	Common Stock 3,5
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 27.91					02/20/2006 02/19/2013	Common Stock 3,4
Incentive Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 37.02					02/25/2007 02/24/2013	Common Stock 2,7
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 37.02					02/25/2007 02/24/2014	Common Stock 2,2
Incentive Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 33.9					02/25/2008 02/20/2015	Common Stock 2,9
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 33.9					02/25/2008 02/20/2015	Common Stock 1,0
Non-Statutory Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 43.27	02/22/2006		A ⁽²⁾	1,000	02/23/2009 02/19/2016	Common Stock 1,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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108 MUTE SWAN PLACE
NEWARK, DE 19711

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Vice President and Controller

Signatures

Gerard A. Chamberlain, Attorney-in-Fact Pursuant to Limited Power of Attorney

02/24/2006

__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) (Right to buy).

(2) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under registrant's 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan in transaction exempt from Section 16b by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d)(2).

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