

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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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 *
HARTLEY BG

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Director, COB & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/25/2005

TYLER, TX 75701

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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	04/25/2005		G	D	1,000	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2005		J ⁽²⁾	A	83.8	I	By Spouse/Sep. Prop.
Common Stock						I	By ESOP for Spouse
Common Stock						I	by ESOP

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.61					(3) 02/07/2006	Common Stock	32,584	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.71					(4) 06/05/2007	Common Stock	18,620	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79					(5) 08/31/2010	Common Stock	39,240	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27					(6) 06/10/2009	Common Stock	20,764	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49					(7) 10/15/2008	Common Stock	3,943	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79					(8) 08/31/2010	Common Stock	7,666	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27					(9) 06/10/2009	Common Stock	346	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTLEY BG SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	X		Director, COB & CEO	

Signatures

B. G. Hartley 04/25/2005

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Bloomberg VWAP closed at \$20.83 per share on 4-25-05, date of this gift.
- (2) Shares acquired pursuant to Southside Bancshares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 02/07/2001.
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.
- (5) Options vest 20% per year and currently 60% are fully exercisable.
- (6) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (7) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (8) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/2002.
- (9) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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