

WEARS JAMES A  
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 \*  
WEARS JAMES A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM  
INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
322 HAMILTON STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/27/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President/Banking

OGDENSBURG, NY 13669

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/27/2005		M		4,500 A \$ 14.6563	10,734	D
Common Stock	04/27/2005		M		10,564 A \$ 11.5625	21,298	D
Common Stock	04/27/2005		M		5,796 A \$ 12.375	27,094	D
Common Stock	04/27/2005		M		1,876 A \$ 13.1	28,970	D
Common Stock						10,872.4217	I

By 401(k) Plan

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Common Stock	2,483.565 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Son, Daniel
Common Stock	2,142.364 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Son, Thomas
Common Stock	813.555 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Daughter, Julia

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 Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 11.5625	04/27/2005		M	10,564	01/01/2001 01/01/2010	Common Stock 10,564
Stock Option	\$ 12.375	04/27/2005		M	5,796	01/01/2002 01/01/2011	Common Stock 5,796
Stock Option	\$ 13.1	04/27/2005		M	1,876	01/01/2003 01/01/2012	Common Stock 1,876
Stock Option	\$ 14.6563	04/27/2005		M	4,500	01/01/2000 01/01/2009	Common Stock 4,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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322 HAMILTON STREET  
OGDENSBURG, NY 13669

President/Banking

## Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney

04/28/2005

\_\_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) Includes 19.224 shares acquired on April 11, 2005 under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (2) Includes 16.591 shares acquired on April 11, 2005 under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Includes 6.297 shares acquired on April 11, 2005 under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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