

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WESTERBURG DAVID E**

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

WARREN, PA 16365

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/23/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP Chief Operations Officer

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

**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 (D) or Price   |  |   |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock | 11/23/2015                           | 11/23/2015   | S                              |   | 100   | D  | \$ 13.785 33,123 D                                    |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock | 11/23/2015                           | 11/23/2015   | S                              |   | 2,000   | D  | \$ 13.79 31,123 D                                     |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock | 11/23/2015                           | 11/23/2015   | S                              |   | 100   | D  | \$ 13.795 31,023 D                                    |

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|   |            |            |   |       |   |               |                         |   |       |
|---|------------|------------|---|-------|---|---------------|-------------------------|---|-------|
| Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock                             |            |            |   |       |   |               |                         |   |       |
| Northwest<br>Bancshares,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock | 11/23/2015 | 11/23/2015 | S | 2,000 | D | \$ 13.8       | 29,023                  | D |       |
| Northwest<br>Bancshares,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock | 11/23/2015 | 11/23/2015 | S | 1,300 | D | \$<br>13.8035 | 27,723                  | D |       |
| Northwest<br>Bancshares,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock | 11/23/2015 | 11/23/2015 | S | 1,800 | D | \$ 13.805     | 25,923                  | D |       |
| Northwest<br>Bancshares,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock | 11/23/2015 | 11/23/2015 | S | 2,300 | D | \$ 13.81      | 23,623                  | D |       |
| Northwest<br>Bancshares,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock | 11/23/2015 | 11/23/2015 | S | 200   | D | \$ 13.815     | 23,423                  | D |       |
| Northwest<br>Bancshares,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock | 11/23/2015 | 11/23/2015 | S | 100   | D | \$ 13.82      | 23,323                  | D |       |
| Northwest<br>Bancshares,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock | 11/23/2015 | 11/23/2015 | S | 552   | D | \$<br>13.8235 | 22,771                  | D |       |
| Northwest<br>Bancshares,<br>Inc.<br>Common<br>Stock |            |            |   |       |   |               | 33,584.31<br><u>(1)</u> | I | 401-K |
| Northwest<br>Bancshares,<br>Inc.                    |            |            |   |       |   |               | 5,446.53 <u>(2)</u>     | I | ESOP  |

Common  
Stock

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| WESTERBURG DAVID E<br>100 LIBERTY STREET<br>WARREN, PA 16365 |               |           | EVP Chief Operations Officer |       |

## Signatures

David E.  
Westerburg  
11/23/2015

\*\*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) Reflects Transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) Reflects Transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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