NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC

Form 3

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February 10, 2003
      UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
      WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
      FORM 3
      INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES
      1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
         Swafford, Charlotte A.
         915 E. Main Street
         Murfreesboro, TN 37130
      2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
         February 10, 2003
      3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
      4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
         National Health Investors, Inc.
         NHI
      5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
         () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
         (specify below)
         Treasurer
      6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
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7.	Ind	ividua	al or	Joi	nt/Gro	oup Fi	ilinq	g (Check	Applicable	Line)
	(X)	Form	filed	l by	One l	Report	ting	Person		
	()	Form	filed	l by	More	than	One	Reportin	ng Person	

1. Title of Security	<pre> 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned</pre>	3. 	Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	4. Nature of Beneficia:
Common Stock in my name and my spouse	e's nam 104,785	I		Partnership
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Table II -- Derivative Securitites Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Derivative	2.Date Exer-	3.Title and Amount		4. Conver-	5. Owne
Security	cisable and	of Underlying		sion or	ship
	Expiration	Securities		exercise	Form of
	Date(Month/		-	- price of	Deriv-
	Day/Year)		Amount	deri-	ative
	Date Expira-		lor	vative	Securit
	Exer- tion	Title	Number of	f Security	Direct(
	cisable Date		Shares		Indireo
Employee Stock Option-") ight to Buy"	R 10/26/99 10/25/05	Common Stock	10,000 	\$14.50 	D

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SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON Charlotte A. Swafford DATE February 10, 2003