

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
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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 \*  
Townsend Thomas J

(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)

05/20/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP Chief Risk Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ 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 or Price		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	05/20/2015	05/20/2015	A		2,600 <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 12.31	A	4,510
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock					736.002 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401-K
Northwest Bancshares, inc. Common Stock					119.074 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	ESOP



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- (4) One tenth of this grant of stock options will vest each year beginning May 20, 2015 and on each May 20th thereafter through May 20, 2024.

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