

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
GRIFFITH G SANDERS III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP [SNV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
P. O. BOX 120
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/04/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. EVP, GC and Sec

COLUMBUS, GA 31902

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
common stock	05/04/2006		M	150 A \$ 22	221,877 ⁽¹⁾	D	
common stock					3,409 ⁽²⁾	I	By Spouse
common stock					32	I	By Son
common stock					32	I	By Son

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. Amount or Number of Shares
employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 22	05/04/2006		M	150	06/02/2001 06/02/2006	common stock	150

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRIFFITH G SANDERS III P. O. BOX 120 COLUMBUS, GA 31902			Sr. EVP, GC and Sec	

Signatures

Garilou Page,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/05/2006

**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 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment and purchases in the issuer's employee stock purchase plan.

(2) Includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.

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