

HASTON RICHARD T
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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 *
 HASTON RICHARD T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CADENCE FINANCIAL CORP
 [CADE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/30/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, CFO & Treasurer

P. O. BOX 1187
 (Street)

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

STARKVILLE, MS 39760

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock					245.1235	I	By Employee Benefit Plan
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock					3,518.8629	I	By Employee 401K Plan
Cadence Financial					350	I	By Wife's IRA

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Corporation
Common
Stock

Cadence
Financial

Corporation 12/30/2008 12/30/2008 P 1,000 A \$ 4.478 3,533 I By IRA
Common
Stock

Cadence
Financial
Corporation
Common
Stock

4,257.1803 D

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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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 20.75					Date Exercisable: 06/13/2002 Expiration Date: 06/12/2011	common stock	8,666
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 24.11					Date Exercisable: 06/13/2003 Expiration Date: 06/12/2012	common stock	8,666
	\$ 25.2					Date Exercisable: 05/01/2005 Expiration Date: 04/30/2014		8,667

Employee
 Stock
 Option
 Right to
 Buy

common
 stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HASTON RICHARD T P. O. BOX 1187 STARKVILLE, MS 39760			EVP, CFO & Treasurer	

Signatures

Richard T.
 Haston
 12/30/2008

**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).
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