

LARocca GREGORY C
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 LARocca GREGORY C

(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)
 04/24/2013

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)
 Exec. V.P., Invest/Trust Serv.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 04/24/2013 | 04/24/2013 | X | | 11,475 | A | \$ 7.37 |
| Northwest Bancshares, inc. | | | | | 7,929 | I | |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | | | | | 5,976 | I | |
| Northwest Bancshares, | | | | | 79,833.48 ⁽¹⁾ | I | |

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Inc.
 Northwest Bancshares, Inc. 33,504.52 ⁽²⁾ I ESOP

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.37 | 04/24/2013 | 04/24/2013 | X | 11,475 | 08/20/2004 08/20/2013 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 11,475 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.33 | | | | | 12/15/2004 12/15/2014 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 14,475 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.19 | | | | | 01/19/2006 01/19/2015 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 10,125 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.86 | | | | | 01/18/2007 01/18/2016 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 10,125 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.51 | | | | | 01/17/2008 01/17/2017 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 12,930 |
| Stock Options | \$ 11.12 | | | | | 01/16/2009 01/16/2018 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | 12,930 |

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|------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|----------------------------|------|-------|
| (Right to Buy) | | | | | Inc. | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.79 | 11/19/2009 | 11/19/2018 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | | 12,93 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 7.48 | 02/18/2010 | 02/18/2019 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | | 12,93 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.49 | 01/20/2011 | 01/20/2020 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | | 13,00 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.12 | 01/19/2012 | 01/19/2021 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | | 13,00 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.32 | 05/18/2012 | 05/18/2021 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | | 52,00 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.7 | 05/23/2013 | 05/23/2022 | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. | | 12,48 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LAROCCA GREGORY C 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365 | | | Exec. V.P., Invest/Trust Serv. | |

Signatures

Gregory C. LaRocca 04/25/2013

**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.

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