CITY HOLDING CO

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FRANCIS GERALD R Issuer Symbol CITY HOLDING CO [CHCO] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title . 25 GATEWATER ROAD 12/21/2004 below) Chairman, President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CROSS LANES, WV 25313 Person

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities A	equired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		r	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	•	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	e Disposed of (D)		Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D) or	Beneficial Ownership	
					(A) or		Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/21/2004		Code V $J_{(3)}$	Amount 42	(D)	Price \$ 0 (3)	65,103	D	
Common Stock							6,345	I	by Francis Family Ltd Partnership
Common Stock							1,812.962 (1)	I	by 401(k) Plan & Trust

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 33.9					08/08/1988(2)	02/24/2014	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 5.75					08/08/1988(2)	01/30/2011	Common Stock	165,218
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 13.3					08/08/1988(2)	01/22/2012	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Option to Buy	\$ 28					08/08/1988(2)	02/25/2013	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
FRANCIS GERALD R 25 GATEWATER ROAD CROSS LANES, WV 25313	X		Chairman, President & CEO					
Signatures								
Victoria A. Evans, Attorney-in-Fact		12/21/2004						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date						

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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 pursuant to the Company's 401(k) Plan & Trust during the fiscal year in transactions exempt from 16b under old Rule 16a8(b). Share totals are reported as of the 12/31/2003 plan valuation date.
- (2) Option awards are subject to value vesting and vest only when the stock achieves certain target threshholds.
- (3) Shares gifted by the reporting person to The West Virginia Symphony at an undisclosed price.

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