

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.
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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 *
HARVEY WILLIAM W

(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)
 07/24/2013

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., Finance & CFO

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.	07/24/2013	07/24/2013	M		6,670	A	\$ 12.68	104,338	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	07/24/2013	07/24/2013	M		11,475	A	\$ 11.33	115,813	D	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	07/24/2013	07/24/2013	F		15,124	D	\$ 14.19	100,689	D	
Northwest Bancshares,								686	I	IRA

Inc.			
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	686	I	Wife's IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	8,410.3 ⁽²⁾	I	401-K
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	12,075.24 ⁽³⁾	I	ESOP

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)	Am or Num of S
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.68	07/24/2013	07/24/2013	M	6,670	02/20/2013	08/20/2013	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.33	07/24/2013	07/24/2013	M	11,475	12/15/2004	12/15/2014	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	11
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.19	07/24/2013	07/24/2013	A	9,163	07/24/2013	12/15/2014	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	9,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

HARVEY WILLIAM W
100 LIBERTY STREET
WARREN, PA 16365

Exec V.P., Finance & CFO

Signatures

William W.
Harvey, Jr.

07/26/2013

**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) Constructively exchanged 15,124 shares in order to exercise 18,145 stock options. The number of shares issued was 3,021.
- (2) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Reflects transactions not required to be reported pursuant to section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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