

MEREDITH CORP
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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 *
KERR WILLIAM T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1716 LOCUST STREET

(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MEREDITH CORP [MDP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/09/2005

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)
Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) (1) | | | | | 137,491 | D | |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) (2) | | | | | 5,736 | I | by Managed Account |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) | | | | | 95,917 | I | by Partnership |

Common Stock (\$1 par value) 15,000 I by Spouse

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 49.1 | 08/09/2005 | | A | 180,000 | 08/09/2008 08/09/2015 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 20.3125 | | | | | 08/14/2001 08/13/2006 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 21.0938 | | | | | 07/01/2001 06/30/2006 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 25.3905 | | | | | 08/14/2001 08/13/2006 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 26.0313 | | | | | 01/02/2002 01/01/2007 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 26.3672 | | | | | 07/01/2001 06/30/2006 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| | \$ 28.0625 | | | | | 08/09/2008 08/08/2010 | |

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|---|------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(5)</u> | | | | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 28.0625 | | 08/09/2001 08/09/2010 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(6)</u> | \$ 29.875 | | 08/12/2000 08/12/2007 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 32.539 | | 01/02/2002 01/01/2007 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 33.1563 | | 08/11/2000 08/11/2009 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 34.8 | | 08/08/2002 08/08/2011 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u> | \$ 39.05 | | 08/13/2003 08/13/2012 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 46.165 | | 08/12/2006 08/12/2013 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(7)</u> | \$ 46.165 | | 08/12/2011 08/13/2013 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 49.97 | | 08/10/2007 08/10/2014 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) |
| Stock equivalent units | \$ 0 | | 08/08/1988 08/08/1988 | Common Stock (\$1 par value) <u>(8)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KERR WILLIAM T 1716 LOCUST STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023 | X | | Chairman & CEO | |

Signatures

By: John S. Zieser, by Power of Attorney For: William T. Kerr
08/10/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares held by the reporting person in street name.

(2) Shares attributed to the reporting person's Meredith Corporation Savings and Investment Plan account. Quarterly dividends on these shares are paid in the form of additional Common Stock, \$1 par value.

(3) This option was granted pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plans and becomes exercisable in its entirety on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

(4) This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full August 9, 2008.
(5) Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable August 13, 2003, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.

This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full February 12, 2007.
(6) Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable August 12, 2000, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.

This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full on August 12, 2011.
(7) Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable on August 12, 2006, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.

(8) Stock equivalents issued at fair market value (the average of the high and low selling price of Meredith Common Stock on the issue date), pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s deferred compensation plan which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement from or termination of Meredith Corp. employment. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional stock equivalents. Data in this footnote would normally appear in the Title, Exercisable Date, and Price columns.

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