

Bartlett David L
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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 *
 Bartlett David L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP, 501 MAIN STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/10/2012

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President and COO

PINE BLUFF, AR 71603

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| SFNC | 01/10/2012 | | G | 900 D \$ 28.42 | 475 | I | Bartlett Family Trust |
| SFNC | | | | | 15,717 | D | |
| SFNC | | | | | 1,002 | 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) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.2 | 03/22/2004 | | X | 0 | | | 12/31/2005 | 03/22/2011 | Common | 400 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.2 | 03/22/2004 | | X | 0 | | | 12/31/2005 | 03/22/2012 | Common | 400 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.2 | 03/22/2004 | | X | 0 | | | 12/31/2005 | 03/22/2013 | Common | 400 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 23.78 | 07/26/2004 | | X | 0 | | | 07/26/2008 | 07/26/2014 | Common | 600 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 23.78 | 07/26/2004 | | X | 0 | | | 12/31/2005 | 07/26/2014 | Common | 2,400 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 24.5 | 05/23/2005 | | X | 0 | | | 05/23/2007 | 05/24/2015 | Common | 222 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 24.5 | 05/23/2005 | | X | 0 | | | 05/23/2008 | 05/24/2015 | Common | 222 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 24.5 | 05/23/2005 | | X | 0 | | | 05/23/2009 | 05/24/2015 | Common | 222 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 24.5 | 05/23/2005 | | X | 0 | | | 12/31/2005 | 05/24/2015 | Common | 444 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | | | 05/22/2007 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 360 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | | | 05/22/2008 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 360 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | | | 05/22/2009 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 360 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | | X | 0 | | | 05/22/2010 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 360 |

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|----------------------------|----------|------------|---|---|------------|------------|--------|-------|
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2011 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 360 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2007 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 500 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2008 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 500 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2009 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 500 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2010 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 500 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 26.19 | 05/22/2006 | X | 0 | 05/22/2011 | 05/20/2016 | Common | 3,000 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | X | 0 | 05/31/2008 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 480 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | X | 0 | 05/31/2009 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 480 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | X | 0 | 05/31/2010 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 480 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | X | 0 | 05/31/2011 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 480 |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$ 28.42 | 05/31/2007 | X | 0 | 05/31/2012 | 05/31/2017 | Common | 480 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2009 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 1,284 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2010 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 1,284 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2011 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 1,284 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2012 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 1,284 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 30.31 | 05/29/2008 | X | 0 | 05/29/2013 | 05/28/2018 | Common | 1,284 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bartlett David L SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP 501 MAIN STREET PINE BLUFF, AR 71603 | | | President and COO | |

Signatures

/s/David L. Bartlett by Piper P.
Erwin

01/11/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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