## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 <u>*</u> Tredway Philip M		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/18/2009	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
100 LIBERTY STREET (Street)				(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director Officer (give title below) (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting		
WARREN, PA 16365						ow)	Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	urity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1	
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.			5,751		D	Â		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.			7,500		Ι	IRA		
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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	06/20/2008	06/20/2017	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	4,500	\$ 12.48	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	11/19/2009	11/19/2018	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,750	\$ 9.79	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	02/18/2010	02/18/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	6,750	\$ 7.48	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Tredway Philip M 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		
Signatures						

Philip M.	12/18/2009		
Tredway	12/10/2009		
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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