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Meegan John P Form 4 May 17, 2013 OMB APPROVA FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB APPROVA Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Statement Company 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 1(b). Estimated average burden hours per response									
1. Name and Ade Meegan John	dress of Reporting Pe P	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 100 LIBERT		(Month/Da	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2012			Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
WARREN, P	A 16365				Person	ore than One Re	porung		
(City)	(State) (Z	ip) Table	I - Non-Derivative	Securities Acqu	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction(A) or Code (Instr.	(A) or	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)		
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	05/15/2013	05/15/2013	A $\frac{2,700}{(1)}$		43,150	D			
Northwest Bancshares, Inc.					10,000	I	IRA		

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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)		8. D S (I
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.44	05/15/2013	05/15/2013	А	7,200 (2)	05/15/2013	05/15/2023	Common Stock	7,200	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addre	ess	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Meegan John P 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365	X							
Signatures								
John P. Meegan	05/17/2013							
<u>**</u> 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) One tenth of this grant of RRP shares will vest each year beginning May 15, 2013 and on each May 15th thereafter through May 15, 2022.
- (2) One tenth of this grant of stock options will vest each year beginning May 15, 2013 and on each May 15th thereafter through May 15, 2022.

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