Crawford Frederick John Form 4 February 25, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

Crawford Frederick John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP

[LNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD 02/23/2009

(Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

SVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

RADNOR,	, PA 19087		Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative Securities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Da	ate 2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year	r) Execution Date, if	Transacti	on(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership		
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
				(4)	Reported				
				(A)	Transaction(s)				
				or	(Instr 3 and 4)				

Amount (D) Price Common 02/23/2009 A 1,640 A \$0 56,696.32 D Stock

Common 02/23/2009 F 524 D D 56,172.32 11.31 Stock

Common $3,221.09 \frac{(1)}{}$ Ι By 401(K) Stock

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Crawford Frederick John 150 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD

SVP & CFO

Signatures

RADNOR, PA 19087

/s/Charles A. Brawley, III, Attorney-in-Fact 02/25/2009

**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) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(k) Plan from 9/1/08 to 2/1/09.

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