

MEREDITH CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**REDING NICHOLAS L**

(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)  
**11/09/2004**

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)

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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) <sup>(1)</sup>              |                                      |  |                                |   | 17,273  | D  |   |
| Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value) <sup>(2)</sup> |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,626   | D  |   |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 51.975  | 11/09/2004                           |  | A                              | 6,000   | 11/09/2005 11/09/2014                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value)                                | 6,000                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 18.0313   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/1996 11/14/2005                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value)                                | 4,000                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 25.8438   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/11/1997 11/12/2006                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value)                                | 6,000                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 31.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2001 11/14/2010                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value)                                | 6,000                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 34.6  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2002 11/13/2011                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value)                                | 6,000                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 34.7813   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/11/1998 11/11/2007                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value)                                | 6,000                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u> | \$ 36.7188   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/09/2000 11/09/2009                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value)                                | 6,000                      |
|  | \$ 39.0313   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/10/1999 11/10/2008                                    |   | 6,000                      |

