

MEREDITH CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**KERR WILLIAM T**

(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)  
09/07/2005

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)  
Chairman & CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock (\$1 par value) <u>(1)</u>	09/07/2005		M	25,000 A	\$ 20.3125	162,491	D
Common Stock (\$1 par value) <u>(1)</u>	09/07/2005		F	15,998 D	\$ 50.115	146,493	D
Common Stock (\$1 par value) <u>(1)</u>	09/07/2005		S	8,938 D	<u>(2)</u>	137,555	D

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Common Stock (\$1 par value) <u>(3)</u>	5,736	I	by Managed Account
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	95,917	I	by Partnership
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	15,000	I	by Spouse

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 20.3125	09/07/2005		M	25,000	08/14/2001 08/13/2006	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	25	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 21.0938					07/01/2001 06/30/2006	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	11	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 25.3905					08/14/2001 08/13/2006	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	58	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 26.0313					01/02/2002 01/01/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	23	
	\$ 26.3672					07/01/2001 06/30/2006		58	

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>				Common Stock (\$1 par value)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(5)</u>	\$ 28.0625		08/09/2008	08/08/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 75
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 28.0625		08/09/2001	08/09/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(6)</u>	\$ 29.875		08/12/2000	08/12/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 85
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 32.539		01/02/2002	01/01/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 11
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 33.1563		08/11/2000	08/11/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 34.8		08/08/2002	08/08/2011	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 12
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 39.05		08/13/2003	08/13/2012	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 15
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(7)</u>	\$ 46.165		08/12/2006	08/12/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 17
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(8)</u>	\$ 46.165		08/12/2011	08/13/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 17
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(7)</u>	\$ 49.145		08/10/2008	08/10/2015	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 18
	\$ 49.97		08/10/2007	08/10/2014	19



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