

Birch Robert F Jr
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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 *
 Birch Robert F Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HOME BANCSHARES INC
 [HOMB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 P.O. BOX 966
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/06/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Centennial Bank Regional Pres.

CONWAY, AR 72033

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | M | | 6,000 A \$ 8.68 | 10,758.5406 (4) | D |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | S | | 6,000 D \$ 33.227 | 4,758.5406 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 48,905.449 | I By the Bob Birch Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 3,031.344 | I By IRA |
| | | | | | | 664 | I |

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|----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|---------------|
| Common Stock | | | | | | By wife's IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | 11,540.24 ⁽³⁾ | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock - Restricted | | | | 5,035 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ <u>(6)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock - Performance Based | | | | 2,000 ⁽⁵⁾ | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Stock Option | \$ 8.68 | 09/06/2012 | | M | 6,000 | 11/30/2002 | 11/30/2012 | Common Stock | 6,000 |
| Performance Stock Option | \$ 11.09 | | | | | 01/01/2010 | 03/13/2016 | Common Stock | 14,820 |
| Stock Option | \$ 8.68 | | | | | 11/30/2003 | 11/30/2013 | Common Stock | 12,090 |
| Stock Option | \$ 8.68 | | | | | 11/30/2004 | 11/30/2014 | Common Stock | 12,090 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Birch Robert F Jr
P.O. BOX 966
CONWAY, AR 72033

Centennial Bank Regional Pres.

Signatures

/s/Robert F. Birch Jr. by Brian
Davis

09/10/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Restricted Stock granted on January 22, 2010 will vest in 33 1/3% installments over three years each January 22nd.

(2) Restricted Stock granted on February 2, 2011 will vest in 33 1/3% installments over three years each February 2nd.

(3) Includes 11,386 shares acquired by the Home BancShares, Inc. 401(k) Plan since the last filing.

(4) Includes 7,637 shares acquired by the Home BancShares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan since the last filing.

The Performance Stock awarded on August 2, 2012 will 'cliff' vest on the third annual anniversary of the date that the performance goal is met. The performance goal will be met as of the end of the calendar quarter when the Company has averaged \$0.625 diluted earnings per share for four consecutive quarters or \$2.50 total diluted earnings per share over a period of four consecutive quarters.

(6) Restricted Stock granted on August 2, 2012 will 'cliff' vest 100% three years from award date.

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