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Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |          |   |  |   |   |
|---|---------|----------|---|--|---|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  |  | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol |   |
| Walker Shawn O                            |         |          | 12/15/2017  |  | Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]           |   |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |
| 100 LIBERTY STREET                        |         |          | (Check all applicable)  |  |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  |
| (Street)                                  |         |          | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below) |  |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| WARREN, PA 16365                          |         |          | EVP, Chief Marketing Officer  |  |   |   |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |   |  |   |   |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)         | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---|
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc Common Stock  | 27,782  | D  | ^   |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock | 6,075   | I  | IRA   |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock | 1,355   | I  | Wife's IRA  |
| Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock | 7,575.243   | I  | 401-K   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 4)                 | (Month/Day/Year) |                 | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) |                            | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
|                            | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title                          | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |                      |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 01/20/2011       | 01/20/2020      | Northwest Bancshares, Inc.     | 82                         | \$ 11.49                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 01/19/2012       | 01/19/2021      | Northwest Bancshares, Inc.     | 342                        | \$ 12.12                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 05/18/2011       | 05/18/2021      | Northwest Bancshares, Inc.     | 4,752                      | \$ 12.32                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 05/23/2012       | 05/23/2022      | Northwest Bancshares, Inc.     | 2,257                      | \$ 11.7                                  | D  | Â                    |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 05/15/2013       | 05/15/2023      | Northwest Bancshares, Inc.     | 3,150                      | \$ 12.44                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 05/21/2014       | 05/21/2024      | Northwest Bancshares, Inc.     | 3,560                      | \$ 13.15                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 05/20/2015       | 05/20/2025      | Northwest Bancshares, Inc.     | 8,160                      | \$ 12.37                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 05/18/2016       | 05/18/2026      | Northwest Bancshares, Inc.     | 10,090                     | \$ 14.15                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Option Plan (Right to Buy) | 05/17/2017       | 05/17/2027      | Northwest Bancshares, Inc.     | 8,160                      | \$ 15.57                                 | D  | Â                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Walker Shawn O<br>100 LIBERTY STREET<br>WARREN, PA 16365 | Â             | Â         | Â EVP, Chief Marketing Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

Shawn O.  
Walker

12/21/2017

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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