AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WELLS WILLIAM C II

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION

(Check all applicable)

[ASO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

02/08/2005

Sr Executive Vice President

1900 5TH AVENUE NORTH

(Middle)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

(Instr. 8)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

below)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)
Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Expiration Title Date

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80,8

Employee

Stock Option

\$ 25.53 02/08/2005

A 80,800

02/09/2006(1) 02/09/2015

Common Stock

(Right to Buy)1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WELLS WILLIAM C II 1900 5TH AVENUE NORTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203

Sr Executive Vice President

Signatures

By: Michelle Bridges - Attorney in Fact 02/09/2005

**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) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 9, 2006.

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