AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION

Form 4

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SECURITIES

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RITTER C DOWD

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION

(Check all applicable)

[ASO]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2005

below) below)

1900 5TH AVENUE NORTH

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Chairman, President and CEO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

(T)

(Instr. 4)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

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

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Following Reported

Owned

Transaction(s)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(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.

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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 Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.53	02/08/2005		A		530,800		02/08/2006(1)	02/07/2015	Common Stock	530

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting 6 wher runte / runtess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RITTER C DOWD 1900 5TH AVENUE NORTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	X		Chairman, President and CEO				

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 8, 2006.

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