Annual Report of Holding Companies—FR Y-6

Report at the close of business as of the end of fiscal year

This Report is required by law: Section 5(c)(1)(A) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. § 1844(c)(1)(A)); sections 8(a) and 13(a) of the International Banking Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 3106(a) and 3108(a)); sections 11(a)(1), 25, and 25A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 248(a)(1), 602, and 611a); and sections 113, 165, 312, 618, and 809 of the Dodd-Frank Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 5361, 5365, 5412, 1850a(c)(1), and 5468(b)(1)). Return to the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank the original and the number of copies specified.

NOTE: The Annual Report of Holding Companies must be signed by one director of the top-tier holding company. This individual should also be a senior official of the top-tier holding company. In the event that the top-tier holding company does not have an individual who is a senior official and is also a director, the chairman of the board must sign the report. If the holding company is an ESOP/ESOT formed as a corporation or is an LLC, see the General Instructions for the authorized individual who must sign the report.

1. John A. Batson
Name of the Holding Company Director and Official

Sec/Treas/Director
Title of the Holding Company Director and Official

attest that the Annual Report of Holding Companies (including the supporting attachments) for this report date has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Federal Reserve System and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

With respect to information regarding individuals contained in this report, the Reporter certifies that it has the authority to provide this information to the Federal Reserve. The Reporter also certifies that it has the authority, on behalf of each individual, to consent or object to public release of information regarding that individual. The Federal Reserve may assume, in the absence of a request for confidential treatment submitted in accordance with the Board's "Rules Regarding Availability of Information," 12 C.F.R. Part 261, that the Reporter and individual consent to public release of all details in the report concerning that individual.

Signature of Holding Company Director and Official

03/30/2018
Date of Signature

For holding companies not registered with the SEC—Indicate status of Annual Report to Shareholders:

☐ is included with the FR Y-6 report
☐ will be sent under separate cover
☒ is not prepared

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This report form is to be filed by all top-tier bank holding companies, top-tier savings and loan holding companies, and U.S. intermediate holding companies organized under U.S. law, and by any foreign banking organization that does not meet the requirements of and is not treated as a qualifying foreign banking organization under Section 211.23 of Regulation K (12 C.F.R. § 211.23). (See page one of the general instructions for more detail of who must file.) The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and an organization (or a person) is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Date of Report (top-tier holding company's fiscal year-end):

12/31/17
Month / Day / Year

N/A
Reporter's Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) (20 Character LEI Code)

NORTWEST BANC SHARES CORPORATION
Legal Title of Holding Company

P. O. BOX 280
(Mailing Address of the Holding Company) Street / P.O. Box

Benton
LA
71006
City
State
Zip Code

104 Sibley, Benton, LA 71006
Physical Location (if different from mailing address)

Person to whom questions about this report should be directed:

John Batson
Name

Sec/Treas/Director
Title

318-965-9691
Area Code / Phone Number / Extension

318-965-9696
Area Code / FAX Number

bank@fnbbenton.com
E-mail Address

fnbbenton.com
Address (URL) for the Holding Company's web page

Is confidential treatment requested for any portion of this report submission?

☐ No
1=Yes

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In accordance with the General Instructions for this report (check only one),

1. a letter justifying this request is being provided along with the report

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2. a letter justifying this request has been provided separately

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NOTE: Information for which confidential treatment is being requested must be provided separately and labeled as "confidential."

Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to vary from 1.3 to 101 hours per response, with an average of 5.50 hours per response, including time to gather and maintain data in the required form and to review instructions and complete the information collection. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20551, and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (7100-0297), Washington, DC 20503.

03/2018
Report Item 1: No Annual reports to shareholders

Report Item 2: Organization Chart
Northwest Bancshares Corporation "LEI:N/A"
located in Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, USA
is incorporated under the Business Corporation Law of Louisiana.
It owns 100% of the stock of First National Bank of Benton "LEI:N/A", its only subsidiary,
located in Benton, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.
The holding company does not own any other equity securities.
Report Item 3(1): Shareholders

A. The Company has only one class of stock of which the 5 percent or more owners are as follows:

(1) Jack A. Batson
Shreveport, Louisiana
United States Citizen
18,900 shares
23.5% of stock outstanding

(2) John Andrew Batson
Shreveport, Louisiana
United States Citizen
4,000 shares
5% of stock outstanding
5,000 shares held by JBA Partnership, Nominee
6.2% of stock outstanding

(3) Anna Elizabeth Batson
Memphis, Tennessee
United States Citizen
3,000 shares
3.7% of stock outstanding
5,000 shares held by JBA Partnership, Nominee
6.2% of stock outstanding

(4) Amy Alexander Batson
Memphis, Tennessee
United States Citizen
3,750 shares
4.7% of stock outstanding
5,000 shares held by JBA Partnership, Nominee
6.2% of stock outstanding

(5) Carl A. Batson
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
United States Citizen
2,966 shares
3.7% of stock outstanding
1,484 shares held by Emmett E. Batson Testamentary Trust
1.8% of stock outstanding
(6) Lea Anne Batson  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
United States Citizen  
2,966 shares  
3.7% of stock outstanding  
1,484 shares held by Emmett E. Batson Testamentary Trust  
1.8% of stock outstanding  

Total of Batson's percentage of stock: 66.50%  

(7) Justin M. Whittington  
Benton, Louisiana  
United States Citizen  
2,300 shares  
2.9% of stock outstanding  
5,000 shares held by Whittington Family Investment Company, LLC  
6.2% of stock outstanding  

(8) Julian Whittington  
Benton, Louisiana  
United States Citizen  
2,200 shares held by Julian Whittington  
2.7% of stock outstanding  
5,000 shares held by Whittington Family Investment Company, LLC  
6.2% of stock outstanding  

Total of Whittington's percentage of stock: 18%  

Report Item 3(2): N/A
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Note: The table above represents the company's directors and their positions.
| Name                                      | Holding Company               | Address                                             | State | Position          | Brokerage Securities
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------------
| John Wunsholl                              | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| James B. Johnson                           | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| Dan K. Robbins                            | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| Larry A. Brown                            | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| Susan E. Brown                            | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| Michael A. Brown                          | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| William A. Brown                          | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| John Wunderman                            | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| James L. Wunderman                        | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| Daniel J. Wunderman                       | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| Larry A. Wunderman                        | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| Susan E. Wunderman                        | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| Michael A. Wunderman                      | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |
| William A. Wunderman                      | Wunderman Family Equities, LLC | 8000 m25th Street, Suite 1000                      | IL    | President, Director| Restricted Securities    |

**Note:** The above table represents a simplified and fictional example of shareholdings in a fictional company named Wunderman Family Equities, LLC. The positions and roles listed are illustrative and do not reflect actual positions held by the individuals named.
July 2, 2018

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
NIC Unit Statistics Department
P.O. Box 655906
Dallas, TX 75265


Dear Sirs:

The referenced report is enclosed for filing. I included a copy of Mr. Kasozi’s email with the requested changes and corrections.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

John Batson
Secretary
Northwest Bancshares Corporation