

HOLDING FRANK B  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HOLDING FRANK B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ [FCNCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice Chairman

POST OFFICE BOX 1377

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SMITHFIELD, NC 27577

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	382,953	D	
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	240,836 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By adult children and their spouses and children
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	26,430 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By trust for adult children
Class A Common Stock				(A) or (D)	8,214 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Twin States Farming, Inc.

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Stock			
Class A Common Stock	167,600 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By First Citizens Bancorporation, Inc.
Class A Common Stock	28,628 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Heritage BancShares, Inc. and subsidiary
Class A Common Stock	100,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Fidelity BancShares, Inc.
Class A Common Stock	46,699 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Southern BancShares(N.C.), Inc.
Class A Common Stock	46,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Southern Bank and Trust Company
Class A Common Stock	54,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Goshen, Inc.
Class A Common Stock	616 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By E&F Properties, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	553,106 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By adult children and their spouses and children
Class B Common Stock	45,900 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By First Citizens Bancorporation, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	22,619 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Southern BancShares (N.C.), Inc.
Class B Common Stock	6,175 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By trust for adult children
Class B Common Stock	1,355 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Twin States Farming, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	100 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By E&F Properties, Inc.
Class B Common Stock	21,423	D	

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Class A Common Stock						861 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By spouse	
Class A Common Stock						1,215,700 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By spouse GRAT	
Class A Common Stock						177,937	I	By F. Holding GRAT	
Class B Common Stock	12/10/2008		P	150	A	\$ 150	11,398 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By spouse
Class B Common Stock	12/11/2008		P	1,060	A	\$ 151	4,237 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Spouse GRAT

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOLDING FRANK B POST OFFICE BOX 1377 SMITHFIELD, NC 27577	X	X	Executive Vice Chairman	

## Signatures

Frank B. Holding, By: William R. Lathan, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/12/2008

\_\_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).

The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the

(1) reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.

(2) The reporting person is a director, officer and/or principal shareholder of the companies that own these shares, but he disclaims beneficial ownership of the listed shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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