MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP

Form 5

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1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
Reported
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer SKINNER WILLIAM T JR Symbol MERCANTILE BANKSHARES (Check all applicable) CORP [(MRBK)] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 03/03/2004 Controller TWO HOPKINS PLAZA (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line)

BALTIMORE. MDÂ 21201

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Acquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned at end Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) of Issuer's (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (A) Fiscal Year or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

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

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

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amou
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securi
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Inetr 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Vear)	(Instr 8)	Acquired (A)		

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Derivative or Disposed Security of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title (A) Am Date or Nur of Sha Employee Stock Common Â 3,500 Â 03/02/2005(1) 03/02/2014 Option \$ 45.25 03/03/2004 A4 3, Stock Right to Buy

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
SKINNER WILLIAM T JR TWO HOPKINS PLAZA BALTIMORE, MD 21201	Â	Â	Controller	Â	

Signatures

Dennis W. Kreiner under P/A for William T. Skinner, Jr. 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) Options become exercisable as to one third of grant on the first three anniversaries of grant date.

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