

BANCORPSOUTH INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
FREEMAN CATHY SMITH

(Last) (First) (Middle)

828 BRENTWOOD COVE

(Street)

OXFORD, MS 38655

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANCORPSOUTH INC [BXS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/22/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President and

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/22/2008		M	8,000 A \$ 24.03	8,000	D	
Common Stock	09/22/2008		J	6,938 (1) D \$ 30.5	1,062	D	
Common Stock	09/22/2008		S	1,062 D \$ 30.5	0	D	
Common Stock					10,002.4181	I	by 401k Plan
Common Stock					3.9359	I	by Daughter

Common Stock 3.8961 I by Son

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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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.03	09/22/2008		M	8,000	<u>(2)</u> 10/31/2014	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FREEMAN CATHY SMITH 828 BRENTWOOD COVE OXFORD, MS 38655			Senior Vice President and	

Signatures

CATHY S. FREEMAN 09/23/2008

**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).
- (1) Shares sold to cover option exercise price and/or tax liability of stock option exercised.
- (2)

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Employee stock option granted pursuant to BancorpSouth, Inc., 1994 Stock Incentive Plan. The stock option becomes exercisable in 3 equal annual instalments commencing one year after date of grant.

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