

SHOCK JEFFREY R

Form 4

February 08, 2012

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SHOCK JEFFREY R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 34216

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
CATO CORP [CATO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/02/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SVP, Controller

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 02/07/2012                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 2,250  | A          | \$ 0                                                                                          | 9,714                                                    | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 02/02/2012                           |                                                    | F                              |                                                                   | 182    | D          | \$ 27.5                                                                                       | 9,532                                                    | D                                 |
| Class A Common Stock            | 02/07/2012                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 2,250  | D          | \$ 28.83                                                                                      | 7,464                                                    | D                                 |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                       | Date Exercisable<br>Expiration Date                            | Title<br>Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                     |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 18.96                                                           | 02/07/2012                              |                                                             | M                                    | 2,250                                                                                                           | 01/04/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/04/2016                           | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock 2,250                                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                              | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| SHOCK JEFFREY R<br>P.O. BOX 34216<br>CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216 | SVP, Controller                  |

## Signatures

/s/ Stuart L. Uselton,  
Attorney-In-Fact 02/08/2012

\_\_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) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 01/04/2006.

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