

ADAMS RICHARD M JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ADAMS RICHARD M JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV [UBSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 514 MARKET STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/18/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

PARKERSBURG, WV 26101  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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)
Common Stock	02/18/2009	02/18/2009	P	50	\$ 16.65	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					30,262.26	D	
Common Stock					4,172.1 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					8,174	I	Family Trust

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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>					<sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	204
Stock Option	\$ 19.19					11/02/2000	11/02/2010	Common Stock	355
Stock Option	\$ 27.12					11/01/2001	11/01/2011	Common Stock	1,919
Stock Option	\$ 29.37					11/08/2002	11/08/2012	Common Stock	7,428
Stock Option	\$ 30.2					11/06/2003	11/06/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 37.19					11/03/2005	11/03/2015	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 27.77					11/01/2007	11/01/2017	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 36.71					11/04/2004	11/04/2014	Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS RICHARD M JR 514 MARKET STREET PARKERSBURG, WV 26101			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

By: Jennie S Singer, Lmted Pwr Atty,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/18/2009

\_\_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) Includes additional shares acquired under the UBSI 401K plan since the date of the reporting person's last 401K ownership report.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) The reporting person's shares of phantom stock arose through his deferral of compensation under the United Bankshares, Inc, Non-qualified Retirement and Savings Plan (the Plan). Shares of phantom stock are exercisable immediately.
- (4) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following the reporting persons termination of employment with UBSI.
- (5) Additional stock acquired in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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