

Clark John David
Form 4
January 21, 2005

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
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Clark John David

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM
INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4720 CLAWSON DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Chief Credit Officer

CAMPBELL, NY 14821

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

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

(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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					8,800	D	
Common Stock					7,498.8647 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(K) Plan

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 24.84	01/19/2005		A	6,371	(2) 01/19/2015	Common Stock	6,371 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Clark John David 4720 CLAWSON DRIVE CAMPBELL, NY 14821	Chief Credit Officer

Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney 01/21/2005

__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) The number of shares reported herein were acquired pursuant to Community Bank System, Inc.'s 401(K) Plan and are based on a current plan statement.
- (2) The option vests in five equal installments on January 19, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

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