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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Walker Shawn O		(Month/Day/Year)	Northwest Bancshares, Inc. [NWBI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/15/2017	
100 LIBERTY STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
WARREN, PA 16365			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			EVP, Chief Marketing Officer	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Northwest Bancshares, Inc Common Stock	27,782	D	^
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	6,075	I	IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	1,355	I	Wife's IRA
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock	7,575.243	I	401-K

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	01/20/2011	01/20/2020	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	82	\$ 11.49	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	01/19/2012	01/19/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	342	\$ 12.12	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/18/2011	05/18/2021	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	4,752	\$ 12.32	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/23/2012	05/23/2022	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	2,257	\$ 11.7	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/15/2013	05/15/2023	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,150	\$ 12.44	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/21/2014	05/21/2024	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	3,560	\$ 13.15	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/20/2015	05/20/2025	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	8,160	\$ 12.37	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/18/2016	05/18/2026	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	10,090	\$ 14.15	D	Â
Option Plan (Right to Buy)	05/17/2017	05/17/2027	Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	8,160	\$ 15.57	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Walker Shawn O 100 LIBERTY STREET WARREN, PA 16365	Â	Â	Â EVP, Chief Marketing Officer	Â

## Signatures

Shawn O.  
Walker

12/21/2017

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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