

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP

Form 3

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 \*

Â TOMLINSON PHILIP W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/19/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP [SNV]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

P. O. BOX 120

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner

\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Advisory Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

COLUMBUS,Â GAÂ 31902

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)

common stock

55,296

D Â

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 (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title Amount or Number of

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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|                                         |                           |            |                 | Shares  |          | (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Employee stock option<br>(right to buy) | 07/01/1999                | 06/30/2007 | common<br>stock | 85,715  | \$ 18.38 | D                 | Â |
| Employee stock option<br>(right to buy) | 01/13/2000                | 01/12/2008 | common<br>stock | 75,600  | \$ 20.83 | D                 | Â |
| Employee stock option<br>(right to buy) | 06/02/2001                | 06/01/2006 | common<br>stock | 150     | \$ 22    | D                 | Â |
| Employee stock option<br>(right to buy) | 02/09/2002                | 02/08/2009 | common<br>stock | 64,787  | \$ 22.88 | D                 | Â |
| Employee stock option<br>(right to buy) | 07/20/2002                | 07/19/2007 | common<br>stock | 150     | \$ 19.19 | D                 | Â |
| Employee stock option<br>(right to buy) | 01/20/2003                | 01/19/2010 | common<br>stock | 35,543  | \$ 18.06 | D                 | Â |
| Employee stock option<br>(right to buy) | 01/17/2004                | 01/16/2011 | common<br>stock | 29,872  | \$ 26.44 | D                 | Â |
| Employee stock option<br>(right to buy) | 05/10/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/09/2011 | common<br>stock | 500,000 | \$ 28.99 | D                 | Â |
| Employee stock option<br>(right to buy) | 04/29/2005                | 04/28/2012 | common<br>stock | 38,208  | \$ 26.5  | D                 | Â |
| Employee stock option<br>(right to buy) | 01/21/2006                | 01/20/2014 | common<br>stock | 58,189  | \$ 25.7  | D                 | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |         |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
|                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other             |
| TOMLINSON PHILIP W<br>P. O. BOX 120<br>COLUMBUS, GA 31902 | Â             | Â         | Â       | Advisory Director |

## Signatures

Garilou Page,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/25/2005

\_\_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).

(1) These options are subject to accelerated vesting of one-third (1/3) of the shares when the fair market value of the company's common stock equals or exceeds \$40.00, \$45.00, and \$50.00 per share, respectively.

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