

THOMPSON WESTLEY V  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
THOMPSON WESTLEY V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LINCOLN NATIONAL CORP  
[LNC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO-LFD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

CENTRE SQUARE-WEST  
TOWER, 1500 MARKET ST.,  
SUITE 3900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/08/2005

(Street)  
  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/08/2005		M	15,000 A \$ 24.72	61,321.83	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2005		F	10,411 D \$ 51.77	50,910.83 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					588.1 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.72	12/08/2005		M		15,000		03/09/2001 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/09/2010	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 51.77	12/08/2005		A		7,163		12/08/2007	03/09/2010	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMPSON WESTLEY V CENTRE SQUARE-WEST TOWER 1500 MARKET ST., SUITE 3900 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102			President & CEO-LFD	

## Signatures

By: /s/ Dennis L. Schoff, POA for Westley V. Thompson  
 12/09/2005  
 \*\*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) Includes 505.94 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment since the reporting person's last report.
- (2) Represents routine transactions in the Company's 401(K) Plan from 12/8/2004 to 12/8/2005.
- (3) 25% of the stock option vests each year starting on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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(4) Reload option grant.

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