

NATIONAL BANKSHARES INC
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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 *
RAKES JAMES G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**NATIONAL BANKSHARES INC
 [NKSH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3335 MCEVER ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/31/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President & CEO

BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/31/2006		J	17,096 A 11	34,192	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2006		J	13,656 A 11	27,312	I	ESOP

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 11.5	03/31/2006		J	3,500	11/14/2005 11/13/2011	Common Stock	3,500
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 14.825	03/31/2006		J	7,500	12/29/2005 11/12/2012	Common Stock	7,500
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 23.3225	03/31/2006		J	7,500	12/29/2005 11/11/2013	Common Stock	7,500
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.925	03/31/2006		J	7,500	12/29/2005 11/09/2014	Common Stock	7,500
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 23	03/31/2006		J	7,500	12/29/2005 11/08/2015	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAKES JAMES G 3335 MCEVER ROAD BLACKSBURG, VA 24060	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ James G.
Rakes

04/05/2006

**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) Stock Split

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