

HASTON RICHARD T  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HASTON RICHARD T**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CADENCE FINANCIAL CORP  
 [CADE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**P. O. BOX 1187**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/30/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP, CFO & Treasurer**

**STARKVILLE, MS 39760**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock				(D)	245.1235	I	By Employee Benefit Plan
Cadence Financial Corporation Common Stock				(D)	3,518.8629	I	By Employee 401K Plan
Cadence Financial				(D)	350	I	By Wife's IRA

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Corporation  
Common  
Stock

Cadence  
Financial

Corporation 12/30/2008 12/30/2008 P 1,000 A \$ 4.478 3,533 I By IRA  
Common  
Stock

Cadence  
Financial  
Corporation  
Common  
Stock

4,257.1803 D

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. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 20.75					Date Exercisable: 06/13/2002 Expiration Date: 06/12/2011	common stock	8,666
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 24.11					Date Exercisable: 06/13/2003 Expiration Date: 06/12/2012	common stock	8,666
	\$ 25.2					Date Exercisable: 05/01/2005 Expiration Date: 04/30/2014		8,667

Employee  
 Stock  
 Option  
 Right to  
 Buy

common  
 stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HASTON RICHARD T P. O. BOX 1187 STARKVILLE, MS 39760			EVP, CFO & Treasurer	

## Signatures

Richard T.  
 Haston

12/30/2008

\*\*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).

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