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HomeTrust Bancshares, Inc. Form 8-K January 23, 2014

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 22, 2014

HOMETRUST BANCSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-35593 (Commission File No.)

45-5055422 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

10 Woodfin Street, Asheville, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)

28801

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (828) 259-3939

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 23, 2014, HomeTrust Bancshares, Inc. ("HomeTrust") and Jefferson Bancshares, Inc. ("Jefferson") issued a joint press release announcing the execution of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 22, 2014, providing for the merger of Jefferson with and into HomeTrust. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference is investor presentation material of HomeTrust relating to the proposed transaction.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1	Press release dated January 23, 2014
99.2	Investor Presentation

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HOMETRUST BANCSHARES, INC.

Date: January 23, 2014 By: /s/ Tony J. VunCannon Tony J. VunCannon

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer,

and Treasurer

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Description Exhibit No.

Press release dated January 23, 2014 Investor Presentation 99.1

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