

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/  
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 \*  
MCMURRY FRED A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/  
[FBMS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/30/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

P O BOX 108

(Street)

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

HATTIESBURG, MS 39403

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
COMMON STOCK	12/30/2016		C	5,634	A	Ⓣ	89,519 (2)	I (2)	See Footnote (2)

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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
SERIES E PREFERRED STOCK <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	12/30/2016		C	5,634	12/30/2016 <u>(1)</u>	COMMON STOCK <u>(2)</u>	5,634 <u>(2)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCMURRY FRED A P O BOX 108 HATTIESBURG, MS 39403		X		

## Signatures

FRED A  
MCMURRY 01/06/2017

    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) The company's Mandatorily Convertible, Nonvoting, Noncumulative Preferred Stock, Series E, was mandatorily converted on a 1-for-1 basis into shares of The First Bancshares, Inc.'s Common Stock on 12-30-16, following shareholder approval of the issuance of the underlying Common Stock on 12-29-16. All shares of the Mandatorily Convertible, Nonvoting, Noncumulative, Preferred Stock, Series E, are being surrendered to the company and have resumed the status of authorized and unissued preferred stock.

(2) The shares held of record by Oak Grove Land, Inc. The reporting person is a 1/3rd owner of the company. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Oak Grove Land Company, Inc. except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the shares held by Oak Grove Land Company, Inc. for any other purpose. These shares are included in the total ownership, held indirectly.

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