

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Bates Larry Lynn</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP.,Â 501 MAIN STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>PINE BLUFF,Â ARÂ 71601</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/18/2014</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>EVP</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
SFNC	7,620	D	Â
SFNC	5,000	D	Â
SFNC	4,593	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Incentive Stock Option	05/22/2007	05/20/2016	Common	1,000	\$ 26.19	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option	05/29/2009	05/28/2018	Common	1,250	\$ 30.31	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bates Larry Lynn C/O SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP. 501 MAIN STREET PINE BLUFF, AR 71601	Â	Â	Â EVP	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Larry Lynn Bates by Piper P.  
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12/18/2014

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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