

Caughran William H Jr  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>Â Caughran William H Jr<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>705 NEW HOPE MOUNTAIN ROAD<br>(Street)<br><br>PELHAM, Â AL Â 35124<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>08/24/2005 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC /DE/ [COMB] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below)<br>General Counsel | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| common stock                       | 3,174  | D   | Â  |
| common stock                       | 100  | I   | By family trust  |
| common stock                       | 534  | I   | By IRA   |
| common stock                       | 2,897 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | I   | By 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) |                                  | 4. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 5. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
|   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |  |  |  |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy)       | 04/02/2003   | 04/01/2008         | common<br>stock  | 12,500                           | \$ 7   | D  | Â  |
| Employee Stock Option<br>(right to buy)       | 08/01/2003   | 07/31/2008         | common<br>stock  | 15,000                           | \$ 7   | D  | Â  |
| Employee Stock Option                         | 01/27/2004   | 01/26/2009         | common<br>stock  | 20,000                           | \$ 5.35  | D  | Â  |
| Employee Stock Option                         | 01/12/2005   | 01/11/2010         | common<br>stock  | 20,000                           | \$ 6.81  | D  | Â  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Caughran William H Jr<br>705 NEW HOPE MOUNTAIN ROAD<br>PELHAM, AL 35124 | Â             | Â         | Â General Counsel | Â     |

## Signatures

William H.  
Caughran

09/02/2005

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 number of shares reported were allocated to the reporting person's account in the Community Bancshares ESOP as of December 31, 2003 (the last allocation).

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