Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Form 8-K January 12, 2017

## 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 10, 2017

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 1-34582 27-0950358 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

100 Liberty Street

Warren, Pennsylvania

(Address of principal executive office) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (814) 726-2140

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 10, 2017 Northwest Bank, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Northwest Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company"), issued a press release announcing it has entered into a purchase and assumption agreement to sell its three branches in the Baltimore, Maryland area to Shore United Bank, which is filed as exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01	Financial Statement	s and Exhibits

(a) Not applicable

(b) Not applicable

(c) Not applicable

(d) Exhibits

## **Exhibite Maription**

99.1 Press release dated January 10, 2017

## **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.

NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.

DATE: January 12, 2017 By:/s/ William W. Harvey, Jr. William W. Harvey, Jr. Chief Financial Officer