

Bartlett David L  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 Bartlett David L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP, 501 MAIN STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/17/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President and COO

PINE BLUFF, AR 71603

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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			
SFNC	08/17/2011		S	5,000	D \$ 22.03	5,479	I	Bartlett Family Trust
SFNC	08/18/2011		S	3,894	D \$ 21.5	1,585	I	Bartlett Family Trust
SFNC						15,717	D	
SFNC						1,002	D	

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)

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)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.2	03/22/2004		X	0	12/31/2005	03/22/2011	Common	400
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.2	03/22/2004		X	0	12/31/2005	03/22/2012	Common	400
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.2	03/22/2004		X	0	12/31/2005	03/22/2013	Common	400
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 23.78	07/26/2004		X	0	07/26/2008	07/26/2014	Common	600
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 23.78	07/26/2004		X	0	12/31/2005	07/26/2014	Common	2,400
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005		X	0	05/23/2007	05/24/2015	Common	222
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005		X	0	05/23/2008	05/24/2015	Common	222
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005		X	0	05/23/2009	05/24/2015	Common	222
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005		X	0	12/31/2005	05/24/2015	Common	444
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2007	05/20/2016	Common	360
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2008	05/20/2016	Common	360
	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006		X	0	05/22/2009	05/20/2016	Common	360

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Incentive Stock Option									
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2010	05/20/2016	Common	360	
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2011	05/20/2016	Common	360	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2007	05/20/2016	Common	500	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2008	05/20/2016	Common	500	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2009	05/20/2016	Common	500	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2010	05/20/2016	Common	500	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	X	0	05/22/2011	05/20/2016	Common	3,000	
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	X	0	05/31/2008	05/31/2017	Common	480	
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	X	0	05/31/2009	05/31/2017	Common	480	
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	X	0	05/31/2010	05/31/2017	Common	480	
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	X	0	05/31/2011	05/31/2017	Common	480	
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	X	0	05/31/2012	05/31/2017	Common	480	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2009	05/28/2018	Common	1,284	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2010	05/28/2018	Common	1,284	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2011	05/28/2018	Common	1,284	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2012	05/28/2018	Common	1,284	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	X	0	05/29/2013	05/28/2018	Common	1,284	

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

Bartlett David L  
SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP  
501 MAIN STREET  
PINE BLUFF, AR 71603

President  
and COO

## Signatures

/s/David L. Bartlett by Piper P.  
Erwin

08/18/2011

\_\_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).

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