MAY J THOMAS

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **MAY J THOMAS**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL

(Check all applicable)

CORP [SFNC]

12/17/2012

(Middle)

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

X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL

below)

Director

Chairman and CEO

CORP, 501 MAIN STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PINE BLUFF, AR 71611

(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. Secur on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	od of (D) 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
SFNC	12/17/2012		G	9,685	D	\$ 24.39	159,454	D			
SFNC							10,379	D			
SFNC							17,306	I	IRA - Stephens		
SFNC							5,200	I	IRA - Regions		
SFNC							1,365	I	By Spouse		

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amour		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Montal Day) Teal)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Underl Securit	ying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MAY J THOMAS SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP 501 MAIN STREET PINE BLUFF, AR 71611

Chairman and CEO

Signatures

/s/ J. Thomas May by Piper P. Erwin

12/18/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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