

PATTERSON DAVID CHARLES

Form 4

July 22, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PATTERSON DAVID CHARLES

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM
INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

256 POTTER ROAD

(Street)

CANTON, NY 13617

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/10/2008

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

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					23,608	D	
Common Stock					5,717.108 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Trustee, W&P P.S. Plan

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation)	(2)	07/10/2008		A	V	148.8852 (3)		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	148

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PATTERSON DAVID CHARLES 256 POTTER ROAD CANTON, NY 13617		X		

Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney for David Charles
Patterson

07/22/2008

__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).

(1) Includes 36.538 shares acquired on July 10, 2008 under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of
(2) phantom stock relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan will be settled in Community Bank System, Inc. common stock at future dates
selected by the reporting person.

(3) Acquired on July 10, 2008 pursuant to the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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