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<b>FORM 4</b> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549									OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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subject		STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERS							ERSHIP OF	F Estimated average		
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may co	obligations may continue.Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940											
(Print or Type	e Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person _2. IssKERR WILLIAM TSymbol					suer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading bl				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			MERI	MEREDITH CORP [MDP]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction					X_ Director10% Owner			
				(Month/Day/Year) 09/07/2005					XOfficer (give below)		her (specify	
									/	irman & CEO	)	
				mendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Jo	int/Group Fil	ing(Check	
Filed(M					/onth/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person												
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - N	on	-Derivativ	e Seci	ırities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Benefici	ally Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			3. 4. Securities Acquired (A)					5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	<ol> <li>Nature of Indirect</li> </ol>	
Security (Instr. 3)	(Wolitil/Day/Tear)	any		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	lly Form:	Beneficial			
		(Month/Da	iy/Year)	y/Year) (Instr. 8)					Owned Following	Direct (D) or Indirect	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
							(A)		Reported	(I)		
				Cada	v	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common				Code	v	Alloulit	(D)	Plice				
Stock (\$1	09/07/2005			М		25,000	А	\$	162,491	D		
par value)	0,70,72000					20,000		20.3125	10-, ., 1	2		
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Common Stock (\$1	00/07/2005			Б		15 000	D	ф <u>50</u> 115	146 402	D		
par value)	09/07/2005			F		15,998	D	\$ 50.115	146,493	D		
(1)												
Common Stock (\$1												
par value)	09/07/2005			S		8,938	D	<u>(2)</u>	137,555	D		
(1)												

Common Stock (\$1 par value) (3)	5,736	Ι	by Managed Account
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	95,917	Ι	by Partnership
Common Stock (\$1 par value)	15,000	Ι	by Spouse

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. 5. Number of Transactio-Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nui Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 20.3125	09/07/2005		М		25,000	08/14/2001	08/13/2006	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	2:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 21.0938						07/01/2001	06/30/2006	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	11
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 25.3905						08/14/2001	08/13/2006	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	58
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 26.0313						01/02/2002	01/01/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	23
	\$ 26.3672						07/01/2001	06/30/2006		58

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)				Common Stock (\$1 par value)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (5)	\$ 28.0625	08/09/2008	08/08/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	7:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 28.0625	08/09/2001	08/09/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.875	08/12/2000	08/12/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	8:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 32.539	01/02/2002	01/01/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	11
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 33.1563	08/11/2000	08/11/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 34.8	08/08/2002	08/08/2011	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (4)	\$ 39.05	08/13/2003	08/13/2012	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	15
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (7)	\$ 46.165	08/12/2006	08/12/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	17
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (8)	\$ 46.165	08/12/2011	08/13/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	17
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.145	08/10/2008	08/10/2015	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	18
	\$ 49.97	08/10/2007	08/10/2014		19

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)

Stock equivalent \$ 0 units 08/08/1988 08/08/1988 Common 5tock (\$1 par value)

Common

Stock (\$1

par value)

(9)

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
KERR WILLIAM T 1716 LOCUST STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023	Х		Chairman & CEO					
Signatures								

By: Teresa T. Rinker, Attorney-in-Fact For: William T. Kerr

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

09/08/2005

## **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) Shares held by the reporting person in street name.
- (2) Shares sold on open market at a range of \$49.60 to \$50.60.
- (3) Shares attributed to the reporting person's Meredith Corporation Savings and Investment Plan account. Quarterly dividends on these shares are paid in the form of additional Common Stock, \$1 par value.
- (4) This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full August 9, 2008.(5) Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable August 13, 2003, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.

This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full February 12, 2007.(6) Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable August 12, 2000, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.

(7) This option was granted pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plans and becomes exercisable in its entirety on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full on August 12, 2011.(8) Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable on August 12, 2006, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.

Stock equivalents issued at fair market value (the average of the high and low selling price of Meredith Common Stock on the issue date), pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s deferred compensation plan which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis

(9) pursuant to Meredian Corp. s deterred compensation plan which will be converted to common stock (\$1 par value) on a one-tor-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement from or termination of Meredith Corp. employment. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional stock equivalents. Data in this footnote would normally appear in the Title, Exercisable Date, and Price columns.

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