

WADDELL FREDERICK H
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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 *
WADDELL FREDERICK H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NORTHERN TRUST CORP
[NTRS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
50 S. LASALLE STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/20/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

CHICAGO, IL 60603

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

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

(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)			
			Code	V	Amount or Price					
Common Stock	01/20/2012		M		11,000 (1)	A	\$ 32.615	47,241	I	By Trust
Common Stock								79,747 (3)	I	GRATs
Common Stock (2)								260,893	D	
Common Stock								120	D	
Common Stock								8,710	I	By Spouse

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- (3) This amount of shares of the Corporation's common stock are being held in the reporting person's grantor retained annuity trust (GRAT). The reporting person has a beneficial ownership in this GRAT.
- (4) as of 12/31/11
- (5) The option became exercisable in three annual installments: 12,312 on February 18, 2004; 12,311 on February 18, 2005 and 12,311 on February 18, 2006.

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