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 Form 4
 April 08, 2002

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 KEITHLEY, JOSEPH P.
 28601 CLEMENS ROAD
 WESTLAIKE, OH 44145
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NORDSON CORPORATION
 NDSN
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 3/31/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month
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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Put or Call or Other Feature of Underlying Securities Put or Call or Other Feature
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Stock Units		3/31/2002	J	68	A	COMMON STOCK	68	*
Director Stock Option	\$29.61	3/7/2002	A	1	A	COMMON STOCK	3,808	*

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(right to buy)		002					012			

Explanation of Responses:

* STOCK UNITS ACCRUED THROUGH NORDSON'S DIRECTOR'S DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN AS OF 3/31/2002 AND HAVE ACCRUED ON A PERIODIC BASIS.

RECEIPT OF STOCK IS NOT PERMISSIBLE UNTIL THE DIRECTOR CEASES TO BE A DIRECTOR.

** GRANT TO REPORTING PERSON OF OPTION TO PURCHASE 3,808 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK UNDER NORDSON'S LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE PLAN, EXERCISABLE

AT 100% BEGINNING 9/7/2002.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
ROBERT E. VEILLETTE, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
DATE
4/8/2002