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Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

Form 4

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Casteel Marty Symbol SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL (Check all applicable) CORP [SFNC] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2008 **EVP** SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP, 501 MAIN STREET (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year)

PINE BLUFF, ARÂ 71603

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(check applicable line)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly 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. Securi (A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
SFNC	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	3,719	D (1)	Â
SFNC	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	3,414	D	Â
SFNC	12/31/2008	Â	J	239	A	\$ 24.24	443	D (2)	Â
SFNC	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	7,402	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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)	Secu Acq (A) Disp of (I (Inst	ivative urities uired or oosed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 10.56	07/28/2000	Â	X	0	Â	07/28/2004	07/28/2009	Common	20
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 12.13	05/07/2001	Â	X	0	Â	05/07/2005	05/07/2011	Common	6,00
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 23.78	07/26/2004	Â	X	0	Â	12/31/2005	07/26/2014	Common	2,00
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 24.5	05/23/2005	Â	X	0	Â	12/31/2005	05/24/2015	Common	92
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	Â	X	0	Â	05/22/2007	05/20/2016	Common	20
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	Â	X	0	Â	05/22/2008	05/20/2016	Common	20
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	Â	X	0	Â	05/22/2009	05/20/2016	Common	20
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	Â	X	0	Â	05/22/2010	05/20/2016	Common	20
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	Â	X	0	Â	05/22/2011	05/20/2016	Common	20
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	Â	X	0	Â	05/31/2008	05/31/2017	Common	24
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	Â	X	0	Â	05/31/2009	05/31/2017	Common	24
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	Â	X	0	Â	05/31/2010	05/31/2017	Common	24
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	Â	X	0	Â	05/31/2011	05/31/2017	Common	24
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	Â	X	0	Â	05/31/2012	05/31/2017	Common	24

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Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	Â	X	0	Â	05/29/2009	05/28/2018	Common	84
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	Â	X	0	Â	05/29/2010	05/28/2018	Common	84
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	Â	X	0	Â	05/29/2011	05/28/2018	Common	84
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	Â	X	0	Â	05/29/2012	05/28/2018	Common	84
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 30.31	05/29/2008	Â	X	0	Â	05/29/2013	05/28/2018	Common	84

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
Casteel Marty SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP 501 MAIN STREET PINE BLUFF, AR 71603	Â	Â	EVP	Â			

Signatures

Marty Casteel by Piper P.
Erwin 02/10/2009

**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) The shares held by the daughter are omitted as she is now living independently.
- (2) Shares acquired through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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