RYBURN HARRY L

Form 5

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Form 4

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RYBURN HARRY L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP [SFNC]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008			_X_ Director Officer (gibelow)		0% Owner Other (specify			
#6 HILLCROFT											
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)			
PINE BLUFF, AR 71603								_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(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)			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		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	10/09/2008	Â		P	14	A	\$ 27.64	125	I	Greenback Investors	
SFNC	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	500	D	Â	
SFNC	Â	Â		Â	Â	Â	Â	2,472	I	Ryburn Family Limited Partnership	

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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)	Number			e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S (
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.19	05/22/2006	Â	X	0	Â	05/22/2006	05/20/2016	Common	2,000	
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 28.42	05/31/2007	Â	X	0	Â	05/31/2007	05/31/2017	Common	2,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
RYBURN HARRY L #6 HILLCROFT PINE BLUFF, AR 71603	ÂΧ	Â	Â	Â			

Signatures

/s/ Harry L. Ryburn by Piper P. 02/10/2009 Erwin

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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