

MEREDITH CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**KERR WILLIAM T**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1716 LOCUST STREET  
(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MEREDITH CORP [MDP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/17/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (\$1 par value) (1)	08/17/2006		G	V 4,511 D \$0	81,819	D	
Common Stock (\$1 par value) (2)					6,075	I	by Managed Account
Common Stock (\$1 par value)					45,917	I	by Partnership
					2,500	I	by Spouse

Common  
Stock (\$1  
par value)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 28.0625					08/09/2008	08/08/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	75,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 34.8					08/08/2002	08/08/2011	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	120,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 39.05					08/13/2003	08/13/2012	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	150,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(5)</u>	\$ 46.165					08/12/2006	08/12/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	175,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(6)</u>	\$ 46.165					08/12/2011	08/13/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	175,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 49.145					08/10/2008	08/10/2015	Common Stock (\$1	180,000

(right to buy) (5)						par value)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (5)	\$ 49.97	08/10/2007	08/10/2014	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	195,000	
Stock equivalent units (7)	\$ 0	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	47,604	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KERR WILLIAM T 1716 LOCUST STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023	X			

## Signatures

By: John S. Zieser, Attorney-in-Fact For: William T.  
Kerr

08/21/2006

\_\_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) Shares held by the reporting person in street name.
- (2) 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.

This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full August 9, 2008.

- (3) 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.
- (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.
- (5) 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.

- (6) 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.
- (7) Stock equivalents issued at fair market value -- 1,200 of which were awarded pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s 2002 Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors and will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement from or termination of service on the Meredith Board of Directors. The balance were awarded to the reporting person prior to his retirement from employment with Meredith Corporation, under Meredith's deferred compensation plan (the "Plan") and will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on or about October 1, 2006, in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Quarterly dividends on all stock equivalents are accrued in the form of additional stock equivalents.

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