

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Abbitt Charles I. Jr.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O HOMETRUST BANCSHARES, INC.</u> <u>10 WOODFIN STREET</u>  (Street) <u>ASHEVILLE NC 28801</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/02/2012</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HomeTrust Bancshares, Inc. [ HTBI ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP, Chief Risk Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

**Explanation of Responses:**

**No securities are beneficially owned.**

/s/ Teresa White, Attorney-in-Fact for Charles I. Abbitt, Jr. 07/02/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS**, that Charles Abbitt, whose signature appears below, constitutes and appoints F. Edward Broadwell, Jr., Dana L. Stonestreet and Teresa White, or any of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and re-substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any report pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including any Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 and all amendments to any such documents, if any, with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by HomeTrust Bancshares, Inc., and to file the same, with any exhibits thereto, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (or other appropriate governmental authority for such purpose), granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all said attorneys-in-fact and agents or their substitutes or substitute may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file reports pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including Forms 3, 4 and 5, with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by HomeTrust Bancshares, Inc., unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact and agents.

Date: May 21, 2012

/s/ Charles Abbitt