UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 19, 2019

HOMETRUST BANCSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-35593

(Commission File No.)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

45-5055422

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

10 Woodfin Street, Asheville, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)		28801 (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone	number, including area code: (8	228) 259-3939
	Not Applicable ormer address, if changed since tered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the section	
Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	НТВІ	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growt or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of		05 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter)
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f an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.		

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 19, 2019, the Company issued a press release announcing the sale of approximately \$160 million of one-to-four family loans previously reported as held for sale as of September 30, 2019. This sale generated a gain of approximately \$1.3 million which will be included in the Company's pretax income for the quarter ended December 31, 2019. The loans sold had a weighted average rate of 3.50% and included both fixed and adjustment rate loans previously originated by the Bank. The Company plans to sell up to \$90 million more of these loans in the quarter ended March 31, 2020. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Press release, dated December 19, 2019</u>

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HOMETRUST BANCSHARES, INC.

Date: December 19, 2019 By: /s/ Tony J. VunCannon

Tony J. VunCannon

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer



HomeTrust Bancshares, Inc. Announces Update on Balance Sheet Restructuring

Asheville, N.C., December 19, 2019 - HomeTrust Bancshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: HTBI) ("Company"), the holding company of HomeTrust Bank ("Bank"), announced the sale of approximately \$160 million of one-to-four family loans previously reported as held for sale as of September 30, 2019. This sale generated a gain of approximately \$1.3 million which will be included in the Company's pretax income for the quarter ended December 31, 2019. The loans sold had a weighted average rate of 3.50% and included both fixed and adjustment rate loans previously originated by the Bank. The Company plans to sell up to \$90 million more of these loans in the quarter ended March 31, 2020.

"The sale of these lower rate one-to-four family loans and our recent strong deposit growth will help to lower the Bank's loan to deposit ratio to below 100% while shifting our loan mix to a higher percentage of commercial loans and equipment financing," said Stonestreet. "The gain generated from the sale of these loans will help to offset the short-term decrease in net interest income until new loans are originated at higher yields. This loan sale, coupled with our strong loan origination pipeline, should improve our long-term interest rate margin and profitability."

About HomeTrust Bancshares, Inc.

HomeTrust Bancshares, Inc. is the holding company for HomeTrust Bank. As of September 30, 2019, the Company had assets of \$3.7 billion. The Bank, founded in 1926, is a North Carolina state chartered, community-focused financial institution committed to providing value added relationship banking with over 40 locations as well as online/mobile channels. Locations include: North Carolina (including the Asheville metropolitan area, the "Piedmont" region, Charlotte, and Raleigh/Cary), Upstate South Carolina (Greenville), East Tennessee (including Kingsport/Johnson City/Bristol, Knoxville, and Morristown) and Southwest Virginia (including the Roanoke Valley). The Bank is the second largest community bank headquartered in North Carolina.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements often include words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," and "intend" or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could," or "may." Forward-looking statements are not historical facts but instead represent management's current expectations and forecasts regarding future events. many of which are inherently uncertain and outside of our control. Actual results may differ, possibly materially, from those currently expected or projected in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements, include expected cost savings, synergies and other financial benefits from our acquisitions might not be realized within the expected time frames or at all, and costs or difficulties relating to integration matters might be greater than expected; increased competitive pressures; changes in the interest rate environment; changes in general economic conditions and conditions within the securities markets; legislative and regulatory changes; and other factors described in HomeTrust's latest annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other documents filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission - which are available on our website at www.htb.com and on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Any of the forward-looking statements that we make in this press release or the documents we file with or furnish to the SEC are based upon management's beliefs and assumptions at the time they are made and may turn out to be wrong because of inaccurate assumptions we might make, because of the factors described above or because of other factors that we cannot foresee. We do not undertake and specifically disclaim any obligation to revise any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances after the date of such statements. These risks could cause our actual results for fiscal 2020 and beyond to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements by, or on behalf of, us and could negatively affect our operating and stock performance.

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