FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Melville Peggy C.		2. Date of Event Requiring Staten Month/Day/Year 17/02/2012		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HomeTrust Bancshares, Inc. [HTBI]							
(Last) C/O HOMETI	.ast) (First) (Middle) //O HOMETRUST BANCSHARES, INC.				Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
10 WOODFIN STREET					Officer (give title below)		Other (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(Street) ASHEVILLE	NC	28801							Λ		More than One
(City)	(State)	(Zip)									
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)		ct (D) (4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
		ate	d 3. Title and Amount of Securi Underlying Derivative Securit			4. Convers	cise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
			Expiratio Date	n Title	3	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Teresa White, Attorney-in-07/02/2012 Fact for Peggy C. Melville

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Peggy Melville, whose signature appears below, constitutes and appoints F. Edward Broadwell, Jr., Dana L. Stonestreet and Teresa White, or any of them, her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and re-substitution, for her and in her 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 she 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/ Peggy Melville