PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC.

Form 4

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(City)	(State)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	e Secu	irities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (I) Following or Indirect Reported (I)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial Ownership	
Common			Code V	Amount		Price ¢	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Stock	12/19/2008		M	1,056	A	10.1407	12,626	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	1,056	D	\$ 18.4435	11,570	D	

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar
Employee Stock Options	\$ 10.1407	12/19/2008		M	1,056	02/10/2008(2)	02/10/2009(3)	Common Stock	1,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	K	elationships	

Other Director 10% Owner Officer

ASKEW LYNN E PATTERSON COMPANIES, INC. 1031 MENDOTA HEIGHTS RD. ST. PAUL, MN 55120

Vice President

Signatures

Matthew L. Levitt, by Power of Attorney

12/19/2008

**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).
- Options granted as follows: 10,444 on 9/01/1999 at \$10.625, 4,760 on 5/01/2000 at \$12.1875, 4,262 on 4/30/2001 at \$15.28, 3,114 on **(1)** 4/29/2002 at \$22.57, 3,802 on 4/28/2003 at \$19.965 and 2,050 on 4/26/2004 at \$38.50.
- Options are exercisable as follows: 1,492 on September 1 of each year 2002-2008; 4,760 on 5/1/2009, 4,262 on 4/30/2010, 3,114 on 4/29/2011, 3,802 on 4/28/2012, and 2,050 on 4/26/2013.
- (3) All grants expire 10 years after grant date.

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