FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Halderman Howard				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner								
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(Last)	(Fi	rst)	(Middle)					t Trans	action (M	onth/I	Day/Year)					belov			below)		
200 E JACKSON STREET						03/31/2014															
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Common Stock				03/31	1/2014						346	A \$		\$21.	64	979.75 ⁽¹⁾			D		
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes Restricted Stock Awards totaling 676 shares

Remarks:

<u>Jennifer Mainord (Confirming</u> Statement on File)

04/02/2014

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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