

CLAYTON HOLDINGS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HERBST FREDERICK C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CLAYTON HOLDINGS INC  
[CLAY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
CLAYTON HOLDINGS, INC., 2  
CORPORATE DRIVE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

SHELTON, CT 06484

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Award <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(2)</u>	12/21/2007	A		189,724		<u>(3)(4)</u>	<u>(3)(4)</u>	Common Stock	189,724

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERBST FREDERICK C CLAYTON HOLDINGS, INC. 2 CORPORATE DRIVE SHELTON, CT 06484			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Frederick C. Herbst  
12/27/2007

<sup>\*\*</sup>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).
- (1) Restricted stock unit award to be settled in cash, stock, or a combination thereof.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock, an amount of cash based on the closing price of a share of common stock, or an amount of cash equal to the per share value of consideration paid in a sale event.  
The restricted stock units will not be settled in stock until the number of shares of common stock available under the issuer's 2006 Stock Option and Incentive Plan is increased by the issuer's stockholders at the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders. The restricted stock units will vest at the rate of 25 percent on each of June 15, 2008, December 15, 2008, June 15, 2009 and December 15, 2009, and will be settled in cash, stock, or a combination thereof on each vesting date.
- (3) If a sale event occurs prior to stockholder approval, the entire award will be settled in cash. If the award is not approved by stockholders, the award will be settled in cash or a combination of cash and stock according to the foregoing vesting schedule. If the award is not approved by stockholders, and a sale event occurs prior to the final vesting date, then the award will be fully vested and settled in cash. If, prior to the settlement of restricted stock units, the reporting person's employment is terminated by the issuer for any reason other than for cause or by the reporting person for good reason, then the award will be settled in cash with respect to the next two vesting dates.

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