**MEREDITH CORP** 

Form 4

August 14, 2006

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

GRIFFIN JOHN H JR			Symbol					Issuer			
		MEREDITH CORP [MDP]					(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					Director 10% Owner			
1716 LOCUST STREET			08/12/2006					Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below)  President - Publishing Group			
	(Street)		4. If Amend	dment, Date	e Original			6. Individual or Jo	int/Group Fili	ng(Check	
			Filed(Month	n/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by C	One Reporting Po	erson	
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(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/	any	beemed tition Date, if th/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose, 4 and  (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value) (1)	08/12/2006	5		F	3,594	D	\$ 46.83	672	D		
Common Stock (\$1 par value) (2)	•							9,406	D		
Common Stock (\$1 par value) (3)								1,323	I	by Managed Account	

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. biNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and A	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.165					08/12/2006	08/12/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.21					08/08/2009	08/08/2016	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	30,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.1					08/09/2008	08/09/2015	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	26,667
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.97					08/10/2007	08/10/2014	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	40,000
Restricted stock units (5)	\$ 0					08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	14,444

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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GRIFFIN JOHN H JR 1716 LOCUST STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

President - Publishing Group

## **Signatures**

By: Teresa T. Rinker, Attorney-in-Fact For: John H. Griffin, Jr.

08/14/2006

\*\*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) Shares were awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corporation Stock Incentive Plans. The shares are subject to forfeiture and are nontransferable until vested, as specified in each award agreement.
- (2) Shares held by the reporting person in street name.
- Mr. Griffin holds 400 shares of Common Stock (\$1 par value) in his IRA account and the balance in his Meredith Corporation

  (3) Savings & Investment (401k) and Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP) accounts. Quarterly dividends on the 401(k) and ESPP shares are paid in the form of additional Common Stock, \$1 par value. This footnote would normally be included in column 4.
- This option was granted pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plans and becomes exercisable in its entirety on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- Restricted stock units granted pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s 2004 Stock Incentive Plan which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the attainment of specified EPS growth targets and the completion of a three-year period of service. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional restricted stock units.

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