
**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20429**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO
SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 3, 2021

CADENCE BANK

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<u>Mississippi</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<u>11813</u> (FDIC Certificate No.)	<u>64-0117230</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<u>One Mississippi Plaza 201 South Spring Street Tupelo, Mississippi</u> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		<u>38804</u> (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including a rea code (662) 680-2000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$2.50 par value per share	CADE	New York Stock Exchange
Series A Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	CADE-PrA	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 3, 2021 Cadence Bank completed its divestiture of seven bank branches to The First, A National Banking Association (“The First”), the wholly owned banking subsidiary of The First Bancshares, Inc., which was previously announced on September 2, 2021. As a result of the transaction, The First added three branches in Starkville, Mississippi, two branches in West Point, Mississippi, and two branches in Aberdeen, Mississippi (collectively, the “Branches”). The First assumed approximately \$417 million of deposits and acquired approximately \$40 million of loans associated with the Branches.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CADENCE BANK
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Cathy S. Freeman
Cathy S. Freeman
Senior Executive Vice President and
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: December 6, 2021