## FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and STRICKLAN	I Address of Rej ID NEIL H	porting Person <sup>*</sup>	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol WELLS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST INC [n/a]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Mid 4800 RIVER GREEN PKWY		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/20/2003	X Director 10% Officer (give title below) belo	cify			
(Street) DULUTH (City)	GA (State)	30096 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</li> <li>(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>X Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>Form filed by More than One</li> <li>Reporting Person</li> </ul>				

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

	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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	action Number of Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Options	\$ 12	09/20/2003		A		1,000		09/20/2005	09/20/2013	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 12	6,500	D	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Douglas P. Williams, Attorney-in-Fact

09/23/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Date Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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