# FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type I	(Responses)															
1. Name and A STILWELL		porting Person*	7	2. Issuer l Wheeler WHLR]	Real E			_	-	Inc.		5. Relationship  _X_ Director Officer (give	(Check	all applicable	e)	ow)
(Last) 111 BROAI	DWAY, 12	(First) TH FLOOR		Date of 104/29/20		Transa	ction (Mo	onth/I	Day/Year	r)						
NEW YOR	IZ NIZ 100	(Street)	4	. If Amen	dment,	Date O	riginal Fi	led(M	Ionth/Day/Y	(ear)		6. Individual or Form filed by O X Form filed by N	ne Reporting Pe	erson	pplicable Lin	e)
NEW YORI	K, NY 100	(State)	(Zip)			T. 1		D.		G ***					•	
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1.Title of Secu (Instr. 3)	mty		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		if Co	Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acc (A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and 5		of (D)				Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
						,	Code	V .	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			(	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common St	cock											853,747		]	[	See footnote (1)
Common St	cock											113,814		1	ĺ	See footnote (2)
Common St	ock											213,775		1	ĺ	See footnote
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	erivative Conversion Date Execution Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) any		3A. Deemed Execution Date, i	4. 5. Nur Code of Instr. 8) Der Sec Acq (A) Disp of (Instr. 8) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 8)		erivative curities equired .) or sposed Underly (Instr. 3			ying Securities 3 and 4)  Derivative Security (Instr. 5)  Instr. 5)  Derivative Securities Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(	Owners Form o Derivat Securit Direct ( or Indir	Ownershi (y: (Instr. 4) (D)			
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Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock				Code	V (A	(D)		<u>4)</u>	(	(4)	Com	120 272		19,859	I	See footnote
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Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock							<u>(4</u>	<u>4)</u>	1	<u>(4)</u>	Com	163 067		42,786	I	See footnote

Cash- settled Total Return Swap (obligation to buy)	(5)	04/29/2021(9)	S/K	140	6	03/01/2022	Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock	140	\$ 18.25	24,104	I	See footnote (5)
Cash- settled Total Return Swap (obligation to buy)	<u>(7)</u>	04/29/2021(9)	S/K	20	(6)	03/01/2022	Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock	20	\$ 18.25	3,485	I	See footnote (7)
Cash- settled Total Return Swap (obligation to buy)	(8)	04/29/2021(9)	S/K	8	(6)	03/01/2022	Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock	8	\$ 18.25	1,428	I	See footnote (8)

# **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
STILWELL JOSEPH 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006	X	X						
Stilwell Value LLC 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006		X						
Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P. 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006		X						
Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P. 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006		X						
Stilwell Value Partners VII, L.P. 111 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10006		X						

## **Signatures**

/s/ Joseph Stilwell	05/03/2021
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Value LLC	05/03/2021
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P.	05/03/2021
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
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/s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P	05/03/2021
/s/ Joseph Stilwell as authorized agent for Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P Signature of Reporting Person	05/03/2021 Date
**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) These shares are owned directly by Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P. ("SAI") and indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Stilwell Value LLC ("Value"), which is the general partner of SAI. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

- These shares are owned directly by Stilwell Activist Fund, L.P. ("SAF") and indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Value, which is the general partner of SAF. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) These shares are owned directly by Stilwell Value Partners VII, L.P. ("SVP VII") and indirectly by Joseph Stilwell in his capacity as the managing member and owner of Value, which is the general partner of SVP VII. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (4) As disclosed in the Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.'s (the "Company") Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on April 3, 2017, each share of Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series D Stock") is convertible into 1.474 shares of the Company's common stock. The Series D Stock has no expiration date.
- SAI entered into a certain cash-settled total return swap agreement, effective as of January 22, 2019 (the "Swap Agreement"), pursuant to which it purchased certain cash-settled swaps (the "Swaps") constituting economic exposure to notional shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Stock") and Series D Stock with maturity dates of March 1, 2022. The price of the Swaps for the Series B Stock ranged from \$11.10 to \$11.12, and the price of the Swaps for the Series D Stock ranged from \$13.75 to \$15.85. The Swap Agreement provides SAI with economic results that are comparable to the economic results of ownership, but does not provide SAI with the power to vote or direct the voting or dispose of or direct the disposition of
- (5) price of the Swaps for the Series B Stock ranged from \$11.10 to \$11.12, and the price of the Swaps for the Series D Stock ranged from \$15.75 to \$15.85. The Swap Agreement provides SAI with economic results that are comparable to the economic results of ownership, but does not provide SAI with the power to vote or direct the voting or dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares of Series B Stock and Series D Stock. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares underlying the Swap Agreement reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (6) These Swaps can be settled at any time prior to the expiration date.
  - SAF entered into a certain cash-settled total return swap agreement, effective as of May 20, 2019 (the "Additional Swap Agreement"), pursuant to which it purchased Swaps constituting economic exposure to notional shares of the Company's Series B Stock and Series D Stock with maturity dates of March 1, 2022. The price of the Swaps for the Series B Stock was \$11.10,
- (7) and the price of the Swaps for the Series D Stock ranged from \$14.75 to \$15.85. The Additional Swap Agreement provides SAF with economic results that are comparable to the economic results of ownership, but does not provide SAF with the power to vote or direct the voting or dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares of Series B Stock and Series D Stock. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares underlying the Additional Swap Agreement reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
  - SVP VII entered into a certain cash-settled total return swap agreement, effective as of May 20, 2019 (the "Second Additional Swap Agreement"), pursuant to which it purchased Swaps constituting economic exposure to notional shares of the Company's Series B Stock and Series D Stock with maturity dates of March 1, 2022. The price of the Swaps for the Series B Stock
- (8) ranged from \$11.73 to \$12.88, and the price of the Swaps for the Series D Stock ranged from \$14.50 to \$15.50. The Second Additional Swap Agreement provides SVP VII with economic results that are comparable to the economic results of ownership, but does not provide SVP VII with the power to vote or direct the voting or dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares of Series B Stock and Series D Stock. Joseph Stilwell disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares underlying the Second Additional Swap Agreement reported as owned indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (9) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by the Reporting Persons.

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