

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

Form 4

October 22, 2002

FORM 4

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

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| Wentz, Sr. Thomas A. | | | Investors Real Estate Trust / IRETS | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify below) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| 505 8th Avenue SE | | | | | | | 10/01/2002 |
| (Street) | | | 501-32-1551 | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| Minot, North Dakota 58701 | | | | | | | N/A |
| (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 Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------|---|-------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| IRET Shares of Beneficial Interest | 10/01/02 | - | P723.821 | | A | 9.245 | 1,833.495 | D | IRA @ 1st Western |
| IRET Shares of Beneficial Interest | 10/01/02 | - | P136.296 | | A | 9.973 | 1,851.347 | I | Wife's IRA @ 1st Western |
| | 10/01/02 | - | P554.047 | | A | 9.975 | 1,981.099 | I | Owned by Wife |

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| IRET Shares of Beneficial Interest | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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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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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 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 Transactions(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal
Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/S/ Thomas A. Wentz,
Sr.

**Signature of Reporting Person

October 11, 2002
Date

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