

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information	
1a	Name of plan FIRST WESTERN BANCSHARES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP AND 401(K) PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
		1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1976
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) FIRST WESTERN BANCSHARES, INC. P.O. BOX 238 BOONEVILLE, AR 72927	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-0605306
		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 479-675-8231
		2d Business code (see instructions) 522120

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2024	JONATHAN MCNAIR
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2024	JONATHAN MCNAIR
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 192
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 124 6a(2) 122 6b 0 6c 72 6d 194 6e 0 6f 194 6g(1) 177 6g(2) 180 6h 5
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2F 2H 2J 2O 2T 3D 3H 3I

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 FIRST WESTERN BANCSHARES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-0605306	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY USA
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
01-0233346	65838	24555	143	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
12849	1892

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 502030
SAN DIEGO, CA 92150

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
12849			4

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
FORVIS WEALTH ADVISORS, LLC
1201 WALNUT SUITE 1700
KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
	1892		5

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	4374458

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year**7b****c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

▶

(6) Total additions

7c(6)**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d****e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

▶

(5) Total deductions

7e(5)**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)**7f**

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 FIRST WESTERN BANCSHARES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-0605306

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....

X

YesNo
- b

If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b)	Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	
01-0233346	

(b)	Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

FORVIS, LLP

44-0160260

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 50	NONE	26480	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

LANDMARK, PLC

71-0355269

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	NONE	11500	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

STERN BROTHERS VALUATION ADVISORS

1044 MAIN STREET, SUITE 501
KANSAS CITY, MO 64105-2149

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
34 50	NONE	7350	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 FIRST WESTERN BANCSHARES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-0605306
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	JH MULTIMANAGER AGGRESSIVE LS
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA
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c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	d Entity code	P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	338755
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	JH MULTIMANAGER GROWTH LS
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA
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c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	d Entity code	P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	758258
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	JH MULTIMANAGER BALANCED LS
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA
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c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	d Entity code	P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	521700
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	JH MULTIMANAGER MODERATE LS
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA
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c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	d Entity code	P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	942262
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	JH MULTIMANAGER CONSERV LS
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA
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c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	d Entity code	P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	37658
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	AMERICAN CENTURY HERITAGE
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA
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c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	d Entity code	P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	1621
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	FINANCIAL INDUSTRIES FUND
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	JOHN HANCOCK USA
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c EIN-PN	01-0233346-000	d Entity code	P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	6943
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO SMALLCAP GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1000
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK MID CAP GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 104168
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 12636
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 26957
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 24502
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: REAL EST. SECURITIES FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1875
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 93506
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 571
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9521
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCI		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 21115

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE NEW ERA FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7743
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SMALL CAP GROW INDEX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8910
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 113726
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPAC GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 81758
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS FUNDAMENTAL INV		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 141496
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AF THE GROWTH FUND OF AMERICA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 45414
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESTMENT COMPANY OF AMERICA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4383
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 359706
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL APPRECIATION FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 55080
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EQUITY INCOME FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 81299

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL ALL CAP CORE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 471

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL LARGE CAP VALUE		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 460

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTL EQUITY INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 12870

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH DISCIPLINED VALUE INTL FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 18900

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK U.S. GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13348

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMORGAN U.S. EQUITY FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 24115

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TEMPLETON FOREIGN SMALLER CO		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 493

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TEMPLETON WORLD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 26991

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2023

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AF AMERICAN BALANCED FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 294895

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOCATION		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233460-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 12125
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MFS UTILITIES FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233460-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 19898
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY ADVISOR TOTAL BOND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233460-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 17855
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HIGH YIELD FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233460-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 12805
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK BOND FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233460-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 106340
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: OPPORTUNISTIC FIXED INCOME		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233460-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 358
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PIMCO REAL RETURN		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233460-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3961
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SHORT-TERM FEDERAL		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233460-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3987
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan FIRST WESTERN BANCSHARES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP AND 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 FIRST WESTERN BANCSHARES, INC.		
D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-0605306		

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	213481	236088
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	3443459	4374458
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	11397673	11897296
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	15054613	16507842
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	15054613	16507842

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	610000	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	429028	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1039028
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	65740	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		65740
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	499624	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		617879
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2222271

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	722225	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		722225
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	26480	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	1487	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	11500	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	7350	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		46817
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		769042

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1453229
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **LANDMARK PLC, CPA**

(2) EIN: **71-0355269**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		3000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan FIRST WESTERN BANCSHARES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP AND 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 FIRST WESTERN BANCSHARES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-0605306

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 43-6362791 01-0233346	
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.	
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.	
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.	
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes ☒ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes ☒ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes ☒ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☒ Yes ☐ No

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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.	
a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:	
☐ Yes.	
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation: _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☒ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702473A</u> .	



**First Western Bancshares, Inc.
Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan**

**Financial Statements
and
Supplemental Information
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

**First Western Bancshares, Inc.
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Trustees and Participants
First Western Bancshares, Inc.
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Booneville, Arkansas

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of **First Western Bancshares, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan** (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Landmark PLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fort Smith, Arkansas
October 3, 2024

Financial Statements

First Western Bancshares, Inc.
Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023

	Nonparticipant Directed Investments	Participant Directed Investments	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 236,088	\$ -	\$ 236,088
Investments, at fair value			
Pooled separate accounts	-	4,374,458	4,374,458
First Western Bancshares, Inc. common stock (\$361.95 per share)	11,897,296	-	11,897,296
Total Investments, at fair value	11,897,296	4,374,458	16,271,754
Total Assets	12,133,384	4,374,458	16,507,842
LIABILITIES	-	-	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 12,133,384	\$ 4,374,458	\$ 16,507,842

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

First Western Bancshares, Inc.
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Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2022

	Nonparticipant Directed Investments	Participant Directed Investments	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 213,481	\$ -	\$ 213,481
Investments, at fair value			
Pooled separate accounts	-	3,443,459	3,443,459
First Western Bancshares, Inc. common stock (\$346.75 per share)	11,397,673	-	11,397,673
Total Investments, at fair value	11,397,673	3,443,459	14,841,132
Total Assets	11,611,154	3,443,459	15,054,613
LIABILITIES	-	-	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 11,611,154	\$ 3,443,459	\$ 15,054,613

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Nonparticipant Directed Investments</u>	<u>Participant Directed Investments</u>	<u>Total</u>
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS			
ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Investment income			
Net appreciation in fair value of investments			
Pooled separate accounts	\$ -	\$ 617,879	\$ 617,879
First Western Bancshares, Inc. common stock	499,624	-	499,624
Dividends	65,740	-	65,740
	<u>565,364</u>	<u>617,879</u>	<u>1,183,243</u>
Contributions			
Employer	610,000	-	610,000
Participants	-	429,028	429,028
	<u>610,000</u>	<u>429,028</u>	<u>1,039,028</u>
Total Additions	<u>1,175,364</u>	<u>1,046,907</u>	<u>2,222,271</u>
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS			
ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Benefits paid to participants	435,983	286,242	722,225
Administrative expenses	45,331	1,486	46,817
	<u>481,314</u>	<u>287,728</u>	<u>769,042</u>
Total Deductions	<u>481,314</u>	<u>287,728</u>	<u>769,042</u>
Transfer of assets	<u>(171,820)</u>	<u>171,820</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	522,230	930,999	1,453,229
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>11,611,154</u>	<u>3,443,459</u>	<u>15,054,613</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 12,133,384</u>	<u>\$ 4,374,458</u>	<u>\$ 16,507,842</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The following description of the First Western Bancshares, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan (the Plan) only provides general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreements for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

First Western Bancshares, Inc. and its affiliates (the Employer) established the Plan effective January 1, 1976. The Plan contains both employee stock ownership (ESOP) and 401(k) portions. It is designed to comply with Sections 401(a) and 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC), as amended. The Plan is also subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. The ESOP portion of the Plan is administered by the First Western Bancshares, Inc. ESOP trustees. John Hancock Life Insurance Company (John Hancock) is the Plan's custodian and third party administrator of the 401(k) portion of the Plan.

Eligibility

Each employee of the Employer, who is not a nonresident alien, an independent contractor or a member of a collective bargaining unit (unless agreed upon by the Employer and the collective bargaining unit) is eligible to participate in the Plan after meeting the eligibility requirements noted below.

For purposes of making participant contributions, an employee may choose to participate in the Plan as soon as administratively practicable following the employee's date of hire. For purposes of the Employer discretionary contribution, an employee is eligible to participate in the Plan at the next entry date upon the latter of attaining age 21 and completing 12 months of continuous service during which 1,000 or more hours of service are earned. Entry dates are January 1 and July 1 for Employer discretionary contributions.

Participant Accounts

For the ESOP portion of the Plan, each eligible participant's account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of any Employer contributions, share of Employer common stock bought back from participants receiving distributions and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. These allocations are based on account balances or compensation, as defined in the Plan document. Earnings and administrative expenses pertaining to the ESOP portion of the Plan are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's ESOP account balance to total ESOP account balances.

For the 401(k) portion of the Plan, each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and 401(k) investment earnings and charged with an allocation of 401(k) administrative expenses. Such allocations are based on participant's elections or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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Contributions

Each year, a participant's elective contribution may be any amount or percentage up to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Plan limitations. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. In addition, participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers numerous pooled separate accounts from which the participants may choose for investment.

The Employer is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with Employer stock dividends, if applicable, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on any Plan loan outstanding. The Employer may make additional discretionary contributions to be determined each year by the Employer's Board of Directors. These additional contributions are to be allocated among eligible participants who worked at least 1,000 hours during the Plan year and are employed on the last day of the Plan year. If a participant terminates in the current year because of death, disability, or retirement, these requirements are waived. Employer discretionary contributions to the Plan may be made in cash or shares of common stock and are allocated among eligible participants based on designated allocation groups.

Employer discretionary contributions are primarily invested in common stock of the Employer and are not participant directed.

Optional Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Employer common stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a 6-year period. In each of the first 5 years, a participant may diversify up to 25 percent of the post-1986 shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50 percent. Participants who elect to diversify can choose to receive a cash or common stock distribution or to invest in the same investment options as the participant's 401(k) account.

Mandatory Diversification

In the year after the Plan year a participant has a separation from service, participants who terminate employment prior to their early retirement or normal retirement dates are mandatorily diversified out of the Employer common stock. The participant's account balance will be re-invested in the John Hancock managed investments. The participant's account will be invested in the same investment options and in the same allocation method as the participant's 401(k) account. Yearly application of the mandatory diversification is at the trustee's discretion based upon the cash liquidity of the Plan.

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Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Participants vest in the Employer contribution portions of their accounts at 20% per year after two years of service and each subsequent year after that are fully vested after six years of continuous service.

Payment of Benefits

For the ESOP portion of the Plan, distributions upon death, disability or retirement shall begin to be paid no later than one year after the close of the Plan year in which the participant separated from service unless the participant or the participant's beneficiary elects to defer payment. Distributions for other separations from service commence in the fifth Plan year following the separation from service unless the participant elects to defer payment. If a participant terminates prior to either the early retirement date or normal retirement date, the balance of their ESOP account is mandatorily diversified out of Employer stock and credited to their participant directed investments. Distributions of the ESOP portion of the Plan shall be made in either a lump sum or in substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) over a period not longer than five years unless the participant's vested balance is over \$800,000, in which case the participant may elect a longer distribution period. Participants may elect to receive an in-service withdrawal from his or her Employer common stock account once the participant has completed ten (10) years of service and has reached age 65. Participants can make an annual election for an in-service distribution. ESOP distributions can be made in either cash, Employer common stock or both.

Under the provisions of the Plan, the Employer is obligated to repurchase participant shares which have been distributed under the terms of the Plan if the shares are not publicly traded or if the shares are subject to trading limitations. No such shares were repurchased during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

For the 401(k) portion of the Plan, upon separation of service a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's 401(k) account, or rollover the account balance to an individual retirement account or to another qualified employer retirement plan. In-service withdrawals from the participant's 401(k) account are available to participants who have reached age 62. In addition, in-service withdrawals from their 401(k) account are available to participants meeting certain hardship requirements. There are no eligibility requirements related to taking a withdrawal from the participant's rollover account.

Accounts of terminated participants, both ESOP and 401(k), under certain amounts can be automatically distributed without the participant's election.

Forfeitures

Plan forfeitures are allocated to each eligible participant's account based upon the relation of the participant's compensation to total compensation for the Plan year; unless forfeitures are first used to reinstate previously forfeited account balances of former participants. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, \$18,127 and \$47,476, respectively, in forfeited nonvested accounts were allocated among remaining participants.

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Voting Rights

If the Employer does not have a registration-type class of securities, each Participant or beneficiary in the Plan is entitled to direct the trustee as to how to exercise voting rights on the shares allocated to the Participant's Employer stock account with respect to approval or disapproval of any corporate merger or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution, sale of substantially all assets of a trade or business, or such similar transaction as prescribed in regulations. The term registration-type class of securities means: (A) a class of securities required to be registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and (B) a class of securities which would be required to be so registered except for the exemption from registration provided therein.

Put Option

Under federal income tax regulations, the Employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Employer buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the fair market value of the stock. The Employer can pay for the purchase with interest over a period not to exceed five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's management determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by John Hancock for the 401(k) investments and an independent appraiser for the ESOP investment. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

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Administrative Expenses

Investment related expenses of the John Hancock pooled separate accounts are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments. Expenses of the Plan for the investment management services or recordkeeping of the ESOP portion of the Plan provided by the recordkeeper are paid proportionately from participant's ESOP account balances. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Employer or its Affiliates. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Some administrative expenses for trustee's fees are paid directly by the Employer. See Note 11.

Expenses Offset Arrangements

Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services or recordkeeping provided by John Hancock are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

NOTE 3: INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S CUSTODIAN

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, John Hancock Life Insurance Company has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule are complete and accurate.

- Investments in pooled separate accounts, as shown in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022,
- Net appreciation in fair value of the pooled separate accounts, as shown in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and
- The pooled separate accounts as shown on the Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year as of December 31, 2023.

The Plan's independent public accountants did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

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NOTE 4: EMPLOYER COMMON STOCK

The Plan's investment in Employer common stock as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Number of shares	32,870	32,870
Cost	\$ 1,295,815	\$ 1,295,815
Fair value	\$ 11,897,296	\$ 11,397,673

NOTE 5: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

FASB Codification Topic *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB Codification Topic *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* are described as:

Level 1	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
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Level 2	Inputs to the valuation methodology include • quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; • quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets • inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; • inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
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Level 3	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.
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The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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Pooled separate accounts: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of the units of the pooled separate account. The NAV, as provided by the custodian, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the account less liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the account will sell the investment for an amount different than reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily.

Employer common stock: Valued at the fair value based upon an independent appraiser. This appraisal was based upon a combination of the market and income valuation techniques consistent with prior years. The appraiser took into account historical and projected cash flow and net income, return on assets, return on equity, market comparables and estimated fair value of Employer's assets and liabilities. The valuation process for the common stock involves Plan trustee's selection of an independent appraiser under an annual contract. Plan management accumulates the data for the appraiser from the audited financial statements of the Employer and other documentation. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report which Plan management, along with the ESOP trustees, reviews in detail, discusses and approves.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. In accordance with the FASB Codification Topic, certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Employer common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,897,296	\$ 11,897,296
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,897,296</u>	11,897,296
Investments measured at net asset value				<u>4,374,458</u>
Total investments				<u>\$ 16,271,754</u>

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Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Employer common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,397,673	\$ 11,397,673
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,397,673</u>	11,397,673
Investments measured at net asset value				<u>3,443,459</u>
Total investments				<u>\$ 14,841,132</u>

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
December 31, 2023				
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 4,374,458	\$ -	Daily	None
December 31, 2022				
Pooled separate accounts	<u>\$ 3,443,459</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	Daily	None

Each portfolio included in the pooled separate accounts has different investment objectives and risks. The portfolio prospectuses contain more detailed information on each portfolio's investment strategy. The majority of the pooled separate accounts invested in are the Lifestyle Portfolio funds. These funds invest solely in the John Hancock Funds II – Multimanager Lifestyle Portfolio stock. The portfolios are invested in a variety of investments that balance between a high level of current income and growth of capital with the emphasis changing based on the participant's risk preferences.

Changes in Fair Value of Level 3 Assets

The Employer common stock is a level 3 investment. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers into or out of level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. In addition, there were no purchases or issues of level 3 assets or liabilities.

The following table sets forth the valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs used to determine the fair value of the Employer common stock as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

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Type	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Inputs
December 31, 2023			
Employer common stock	\$ 11,897,296	Income Market value	Future Cash Flows; Dividend Discount Net Income from Continuing Operations; Five-Year Weighted Average Earnings; Tangible Book Value per Share
December 31, 2022			
Employer common stock	\$ 11,397,673	Income Market value	Future Cash Flows; Dividend Discount Net Income from Continuing Operations; Five-Year Weighted Average Earnings; Tangible Book Value per Share

NOTE 6: PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Upon termination of the Plan, the trustees shall pay all liabilities and expenses of the Plan and shall sell shares of financial common stock held in the loan suspense account (if applicable) to the extent such sale is determined necessary in order to repay any ESOP loan. In the event of a plan termination, participants will become one hundred percent (100%) vested in their employer accounts.

NOTE 7: RELATED PARTY AND PARTIES-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests in Employer common stock. This is a related party and party-in-interest transaction. The Employer also performs certain administrative functions at no cost to the Plan. The Employer does not expect reimbursement for these expenses.

Certain Plan investments are in pooled separate accounts managed by John Hancock. John Hancock is the custodian as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these investments and the related transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Certain fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. To the extent that revenue sharing is insufficient to cover these fees, they will be deducted pro rata from the participants' accounts.

The Plan is charged fees and expenses through expense ratios charged by John Hancock to the Plan's various investment options. The investment expense ratios vary by fund and are reflected in the value of the investments held by the Plan. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

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NOTE 8: TAX STATUS AND UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS

Prior to January 1, 2022, the Plan adopted an individually designed plan document. The Employer obtained an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated January 19, 2018. Effective January 1, 2022, the plan document was restated and amended. The Employer obtained an opinion letter from the IRS dated September 21, 2022. These opinion letters indicated that the Plan and the related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letters, Plan management believes that the Plan is currently designed, and being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe the Plan was qualified, and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

The Plan accounts for uncertain tax positions in accordance with the provisions of the FASB Codification Topic *Income Taxes*. FASB Codification Topic *Income Taxes* clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes and requires the Plan to recognize in their financial statements the impact of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, if that position more likely than not would not to be sustained under audit, based on the technical merits of the position. The Plan administrator has assessed the tax positions taken by the Plan and determined that no positions exist that require adjustment or disclosure under the provisions of FASB Codification Topic *Income Taxes*.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 9: RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for investments in various income securities, which, in general, are exposed to certain risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows, and other such techniques pertaining to the Plan's investment in Employer common stock. Certain investment options may invest in foreign securities. There are certain additional risks involved when investing in funds with underlying foreign securities that are not present with investments in domestic securities. These risks may involve foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, adverse political and economic developments and the possible prevention of currency exchange due to foreign governmental laws or restrictions. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, including the Employer's common stock, and to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Plan's financial statements.

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NOTE 10: CONCENTRATIONS

The Plan has a concentration of assets invested in the Employer common stock. This investment accounted for 73% and 77%, respectively, of total investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

NOTE 11: ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS

The Plan's assets related to the ESOP portion of the Plan, which consist principally of Employer common stock, are held by the trustees of the Plan. Employer contributions are held and managed by the trustees, which invest cash received, interest, and dividend income and make distributions to participants. John Hancock performs such functions (as applicable) for, and is the custodian of, the 401(k) portion of the Plan's assets.

NOTE 12: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through October 3, 2024, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplemental Information

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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year
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(a)	(b) IDENTITY OF ISSUE, BORROWER, LESSOR OR SIMILAR PARTY	(c) DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT INCLUDING MATURITY DATE, RATE OF INTEREST, COLLATERAL, PAR, OR MATURITY VALUE	(d) COST	(e) CURRENT VALUE
*	John Hancock	JH Multimanager - Conservative LifeStyle Portfolio	N/A	\$ 37,658
*	John Hancock	JH Multimanager - Moderate LifeStyle Portfolio	N/A	942,264
*	John Hancock	JH Multimanager - Balanced LifeStyle Portfolio	N/A	521,702
*	John Hancock	JH Multimanager - Growth LifeStyle Portfolio	N/A	758,260
*	John Hancock	JH Multimanager - Aggressive LifeStyle Portfolio	N/A	338,757
*	John Hancock	Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund	N/A	3,987
*	John Hancock	Pimco Real Return Fund	N/A	3,961
*	John Hancock	Total Stock Market Index Fund	N/A	2,023
*	John Hancock	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond	N/A	17,855
*	John Hancock	John Hancock Bond Fund	N/A	106,340
*	John Hancock	T. Rowe Price New Era Fund	N/A	7,743
*	John Hancock	Global Bond Fund	N/A	358
*	John Hancock	High Yield Fund	N/A	12,805
*	John Hancock	American Balanced Fund	N/A	294,896
*	John Hancock	BlackRock Global Allocation Fund	N/A	12,125
*	John Hancock	The Investment Company of America	N/A	4,383
*	John Hancock	500 Index Fund	N/A	113,726
*	John Hancock	Equity Income Fund	N/A	81,299
*	John Hancock	Utilities Fund	N/A	19,898
*	John Hancock	JPMorgan US Equity Fund	N/A	24,115
*	John Hancock	Fundamental Investors	N/A	141,496
*	John Hancock	The Growth Fund of America	N/A	45,414
*	John Hancock	Mid Value Fund	N/A	26,957
*	John Hancock	Capital Appreciation Fund	N/A	55,080
*	John Hancock	Blue Chip Growth Fund	N/A	359,707
*	John Hancock	Small Cap Value Fund	N/A	9,521
*	John Hancock	Mid Cap Index Fund	N/A	12,636
*	John Hancock	Financial Industries Fund	N/A	6,943
*	John Hancock	T. Rowe Price Health Sciences Fund	N/A	21,115
*	John Hancock	American Century Heritage	N/A	1,621
*	John Hancock	Disciplined Value Intl Fund	N/A	18,890
*	John Hancock	EuroPacific Growth Fund	N/A	81,758
*	John Hancock	Templeton World Fund	N/A	26,991
*	John Hancock	Science & Technology Fund	N/A	93,506
*	John Hancock	John Hancock Mid Cap Growth Fund	N/A	104,168
*	John Hancock	International Equity Index Fund	N/A	12,870
*	John Hancock	Invesco Small Cap Growth Fund	N/A	1,000
*	John Hancock	Small Cap Growth Index Fund	N/A	8,910
*	John Hancock	International Small Cap Fund	N/A	493
*	John Hancock	John Hancock US Quality Growth	N/A	13,348
*	John Hancock	Real Estate Securities Fund	N/A	1,875
*	John Hancock	New Opportunities Fund	N/A	24,502
*	John Hancock	Fundamental Large Cap Value Fund	N/A	460
*	John Hancock	Fundamental All Cap Core Fund	N/A	471
*	John Hancock	Small Cap Index Fund	N/A	571
Total pooled separate accounts			N/A	\$ 4,374,458
32,870 shares of First Western Bancshares, Inc. Common				
*	First Western Bancshares, Inc.	Stock; \$.01 par value per share	\$ 1,295,815	\$ 11,897,296
*	Party-in-interest			

NOTE: HISTORICAL COST INFORMATION

Disclosure of historical cost information with regard to certain plan investments is normally required to be presented in the Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year in accordance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This disclosure requirement, however, does not apply to Plans whose investments are 100% participant directed; therefore, no cost information is reported in the above referenced schedule for participant directed investments.

See Independent Auditor's Report.