

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

Form 4

October 22, 2002

FORM 4UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
Wentz, Sr. Thomas A.			Investors Real Estate Trust / IRETS		<input type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify below) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>		
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 10/01/2002	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
505 8th Avenue SE							
(Street)			501-32-1551	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) N/A			
Minot, North Dakota 58701							
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
IRET Shares of Beneficial Interest	10/01/02	-	P 723.821	A	9.975,833.495	D	IRA @ 1st Western
IRET Shares of Beneficial Interest	10/01/02	-	P 136.296	A	9.975,851.347	I	Wife's IRA @ 1st Western
	10/01/02	-	P 554.047	A	9.975,981.099	I	Owned by Wife

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IRET Shares of Beneficial Interest									

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

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					

Violations.	Sr.
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**Signature of Reporting Person

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