FORM 3

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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Leatherberry William J | | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2014 | | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NMI Holdings, Inc. [NMIH] | | | | | | | |
| (Last) C/O NMI HOLDING: | (First) S, INC. | (Middle) | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director | | er | 10% Owner | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| 2100 POWELL ST. | | | | | | X Officer (give title below) EVP, General Couns | | | Other (specify below) | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (Street) EMERYVILLE | CA | 94608 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | 2. Amount o (Instr. 4) | of Securities Beneficially Owned | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | ate | (Instr. 4) Exercise F of Derivati | | | 4. Conversi Exercise Pr of Derivativ Security | ice | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
| | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

<u>/s/ Joy M, Benner, as attorney-in-fact</u>
** Signature of Reporting Person

08/07/2014

Date

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

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

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Christopher G. Brunetti, Nicole c. Sanchez and Joy M. Benner, signing singly, as the undersigned (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a director and/or officer of NMI Holdings, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3,4 or 5 or take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best

take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the bes seek or obtain, as the undersigned's attorney-in-fact and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the ur This Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, inc

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this __7th day of _August , 2014.

By: /s/ William J. Leatherberry Name: William J. Leatherberry