

SMITH PHILIP W III
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SMITH PHILIP W III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 190 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 178
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/14/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

GLADSTONE, NJ 07934

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/14/2008 | | F | 1,337 | D \$ 24.79 | 24,588.343 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/14/2008 | | M | 1,892 | A \$ 17.53 | 26,480.343 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 6,884.7484 | I Spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 677.6459 | I Child |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 665.2665 | I Child |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$ 17.53 | 01/14/2008 | | M | 1,892 | <u>(1)</u> 04/28/2008 | Common Stock | 1,892 |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$ 15.68 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> 03/08/2010 | Common Stock | 1,272 |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$ 28.89 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 01/09/2014 | Common Stock | 11,000 |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$ 28.1 | | | | | <u>(4)</u> 01/03/2017 | Common Stock | 2,200 |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$ 24.57 | | | | | <u>(5)</u> 01/02/2018 | Common Stock | 2,200 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| | | X | | |

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Signatures

Philip W. Smith
III 01/16/2008

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on April 28, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.
- (2) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on March 8, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 9, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. On December 8, 2005, the
- (3) Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.
- (4) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 3, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (5) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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