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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **WELSH BETH**

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PEAPACK GLADSTONE

FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]

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

500 HILLS DRIVE, PO BOX 700 01/02/2013

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

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_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities 3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

Stock

Security

(Instr. 3)

650

D

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

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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)		S (
				Code V	(A) (I		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.68	01/02/2013		A	2,500		<u>(1)</u>	01/02/2023	Common Stock	2,500	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WELSH BETH 500 HILLS DRIVE PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921	X						

Signatures

Beth Welsh 01/04/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 are exercisable in three equal annual installments on January 2, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (2) Option grant has no purchase or sale price

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