

PEOPLES HOLDING CO  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â MATHEWS LARRY R                         |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | PEOPLES HOLDING CO [PHC]                           |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| 1323 STRATFORD RD. S.E.                   |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
| DECATUR,Â ALÂ 35601                       |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
|   |         |                                      | Executive Officer                                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 11,304 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 24,114 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | I  | By Summitt LLC  |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|                             | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares           | Security               | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | 01/01/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> | 12/17/2012      | Common Stock | 24,000 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub> | \$ 16.7 <sup>(2)</sup> | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| MATHEWS LARRY R<br>1323 STRATFORD RD. S.E.<br>DECATUR, AL 35601 | Â             | Â         | Â<br>Executive<br>Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

Larry Mathews                      01/10/2005  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Received on 01/01/05 in exchange of Heritage Financial Holding (HBFH) in connection with the merger of Heritage Financial Holding
- (1) with and into The Peoples Holding Company (PHC), based on an exchange ratio of .2 shares of PHC common stock for each share of HBFH common stock.
- Heritage Financial Holding Company originally granted this option 04/15/2003. Effective with the 01/01/05 merger of Heritage Financial
- (2) Holding Company with and into The Peoples Holding Company, this option was accelerated and became fully exercisable. The exchange ratio was .2 shares of PHC common stock for each share of HBFH common stock. The exercise price was calculated by dividing the original exercise price by the exchange ratio.

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