

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

March 13, 2015

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MERTON EDWARD A

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)
500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300, PO
BOX 700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/11/2015

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921

(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. 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/11/2015		A		375	A	\$ 0 29,835

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. 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. I Der Sec (In
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 26.76					<u>(1)</u>	01/03/2017	Common Stock 2,310
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 23.4					<u>(2)</u>	01/02/2018	Common Stock 2,310
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.43					<u>(4)</u>	01/04/2020	Common Stock 5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.53					<u>(5)</u>	01/03/2021	Common Stock 2,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.72					<u>(6)</u>	01/03/2022	Common Stock 2,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.68	01/02/2013		A	2,500	<u>(7)</u>	01/02/2023	Common Stock 2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERTON EDWARD A 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921	X			

Signatures

Edward A.
Merton

03/13/2015

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- (1) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 3, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (2) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- (3) Option grant has no purchase or sale price
- (4) The options are exercisable in four equal annual installments on January 4, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (5) The options are exercisable in four equal annual installments on January 3, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (6) The options are exercisable in four equal annual installments on January 3, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (7) The options are exercisable in three equal annual installments on January 2, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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