PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

190 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 178

(Street)

GLADSTONE, NJ 07934

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								25,224	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)

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. De Sec (In
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock option (right to buy)	$ 17.53							(1)	04/28/2008	Common Stock	7,702	
Stock option (right to buy)	$ 15.68							(2)	03/08/2011	Common Stock	3,880	
Stock option (right to buy)	$ 28.89							(3)	01/09/2014	Common Stock	11,000	
Stock option (right to buy)	$ 28.1							(4)	01/03/2017	Common Stock	2,200	
Stock option (right to buy)	$ 24.57	01/02/2008		A		2,200		(5)	01/02/2018	Common Stock	2,200	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERTON EDWARD A 190 MAIN STREET PO BOX 178 GLADSTONE, NJ 07934	X			

Signatures

Edward A. Merton	01/04/2008
**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 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.

(3) The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 9, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. On December 8, 2005, the 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.

(6) Option grant has no purchase or sale price

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