

Caspersen Finn MW Jr
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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 *
 Caspersen Finn MW Jr

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/03/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & Chief Counsel

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	01/03/2012		A	A	\$ 0	21,933	D
Common Stock						555.797 ⁽⁴⁾	I Profit Sharing Plan

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. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.57					(1) 03/29/2014	Common Stock	11,549	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.76					(2) 01/03/2017	Common Stock	2,100	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.4					(3) 01/02/2018	Common Stock	2,100	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Caspersen Finn MW Jr 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921			EVP & Chief Counsel	

Signatures

Finn M.W.
Caspersen Jr
Date: 01/05/2012

**Signature of 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).

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The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on March 29, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. On December 8, 2005, the

- (1) Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.
- (2) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 3, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (3) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- (4) Includes profit-sharing contributions and earnings since last filing.

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