

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
December 12, 2013

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) **December 12, 2013**

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| New Jersey | 001-16197 | 22-3537895 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification Number) |

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| 500 Hills Drive, Suite 300, Bedminster, New Jersey | 07921 |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(908) 234-0700**

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 12, 2013, the Company issued a press release in connection with the completion of its previously announced rights offering. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

The legal opinion of Day Pitney LLP relating to the shares of common stock of the Company being issued pursuant to the rights offering (the “Shares”) is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

| | <i>(d)</i> | <i>Exhibits.</i> |
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| 5.1 | | Opinion of Day Pitney LLP regarding the legality of the Shares |
| 23.1 | | Consent of Day Pitney LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 filed herewith) |
| | 99.1 | Press Release dated December 12, 2013 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: December 12, 2013 By: /s/ Jeffrey J. Carfora

Name: Jeffrey J. Carfora

Title: Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Title

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