

MERTON EDWARD A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
01/02/2013

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

(Street)  
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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					28,890	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)**

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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. De	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 27.51					<u>(1)</u>	01/09/2014	Common Stock	11,550
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 26.76					<u>(2)</u>	01/03/2017	Common Stock	2,310
Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 23.4					<u>(3)</u>	01/02/2018	Common Stock	2,310
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.43					<u>(5)</u>	01/04/2020	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.53					<u>(6)</u>	01/03/2021	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.72					<u>(7)</u>	01/03/2022	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.68	01/02/2013		A	2,500	<u>(8)</u>	01/02/2023	Common Stock	2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X			

