

BABCOCK JOHN P

Form 4

March 22, 2018

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BABCOCK JOHN P

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)
03/20/2018

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
SEVP & Pres of Priv Wealth Mgt

(Street)
BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-1538

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

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					74,980.67	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock					3,841	I	Rabbi Trust ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					5,324.9854 ⁽³⁾	I	401(k)

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	(4)	03/20/2018		A		10,614	(5) (5)	Common Stock 10,614
Restricted Stock Unit	(4)						(6) (6)	Common Stock 1,995
Restricted Stock Unit	(7)	03/20/2018		A		10,614	(8) (8)	Common Stock 10,614

Reporting Owners

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

John P. Babcock 03/22/2018

**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) 10,804 shares held in trust

(2) Held indirectly through a rabbi trust pursuant to a non-qualified deferred compensation plan.

(3) Includes 401(K) contributions used to purchase PGC stock.

(4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation.

(5)

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The restricted stock units vest and settle in stock in three approximately equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.

- (6) The restricted stock units vest and settle in stock in five approximately equal installments on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date.
- (7) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation subject to certain performance conditions. The units will cliff vest, after three years, if the conditions are met.
- (8) The restricted stock units will cliff vest on the third anniversary of the grant date subject to certain performance conditions being satisfied.

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