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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

| 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) 03/11/2017 | Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) below) SEVP & Pres of Priv Wealth Mgt | | |
| BEDMINSTE | (Street) ER, NJ 0792 | 1-1538 | 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2017 | | A | 10,804 | A | \$ 0 | 98,797 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2017 | | F | 5,772 | D | \$ 30.08 | 93,025 | D (2) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,643.1227 (1) | I | 401(K) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,150.67 | I | By IRA |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transac | ctionNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day | /Year) | Under | lying | Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | Derivative | /e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) |
| | Derivative | | | | Securitie | S | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | |
| | Security | | | | Acquirec | l | | | | |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | |
| | | | | | Disposed | l | | | | |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable Date | Title Numbe | | | |
| | | | | C 1 | V (A) (D) | | | | of | |
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | | | Shares | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BABCOCK JOHN P 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-1538

SEVP & Pres of Priv Wealth Mgt

Signatures

John P. Babcock 03/13/2017

**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) Includes 401(K) contributions used to purchase PGC stock.
- (2) 10,804 shares held in trust

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