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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC] **BABCOCK JOHN P** (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 500 HILLS DRIVE. SUITE (Check all applicable) 300 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting SEVP & Pres of Priv Wealth Mgt Person BEDMINSTER, NJÂ 07921 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 250 Common Stock 2,145.67 I By IRA Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Derivative Security:

Exercisable Date Number of Security Direct (D)

Shares or Indirect

(I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BABCOCK JOHN P 500 HILLS DRIVE SUITE 300

Â Â SEVP & Pres of Priv Wealth Mgt Â

BEDMINSTER, NJÂ 07921

Signatures

/s/ John P. Babcock, by Ellen S. Knarr as
Attorney-in-Fact
03/13/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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