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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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x **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

OR

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 000-29480

**HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
**401(k) EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST**

(Full title of the plan)

**HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

**201 5TH AVENUE S.W.**

**OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON 98501-1114**

**(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office)**

**REQUIRED INFORMATION**

The Heritage Financial Corporation 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust (the Plan) is subject to ERISA and elects to file Plan financial statements and schedules prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA.

Furnished herewith are the financial statements and schedules of the Plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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KSOP Committee

Heritage Financial Corporation 401(k)

Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust

Olympia, Washington

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Heritage Financial Corporation 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust (the Plan) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules H, line 4i Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and line 4a Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions, are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Seattle, Washington

June 22, 2010

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

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|  | 2009          | 2008       |
|--|---------------|------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>                                     |               |            |
| Participant directed investments at fair value:    |               |            |
| Registered investment company funds                | \$ 11,876,135 | 9,069,989  |
| Heritage Financial Corporation common stock        | 5,263,002     | 3,145,191  |
| Money market funds                                 | 120,921       | 31,327     |
| Participant loans                                  | 63,611        | 37,193     |
|  | 17,323,669    | 12,283,700 |
| Nonparticipant directed investments at fair value: |               |            |
| Heritage Financial Corporation common stock        | 520,884       | 2,201,092  |
| Money market funds                                 |               | 115,950    |
|  | 520,884       | 2,317,042  |
| Total investments                                  | 17,844,553    | 14,600,742 |
| <b>Receivables:</b>                                |               |            |
| Employer contributions                             | 217,772       | 300,116    |
| Participant contributions                          | 1             |            |
| Total receivables                                  | 217,773       | 300,116    |
| Total assets                                       | 18,062,326    | 14,900,858 |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                                |               |            |
| Loan payable to Heritage Financial Corporation     | 422,580       | 537,576    |
| Accounts payable and other                         | 6,043         | 32,835     |
| Excess deferrals                                   | 7,131         |            |
| Total liabilities                                  | 435,754       | 570,411    |
| Net assets available for benefits                  | \$ 17,626,572 | 14,330,447 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year ended December 31, 2009

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Investment income:                                   |               |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments        | \$ 2,341,987  |
| Interest   | 7,144         |
| Dividends  | 274,745       |
|  | 2,623,876     |
| Contributions:                                       |               |
| Participant salary deferrals                         | 827,455       |
| Participant rollovers                                | 33,488        |
| Employer   | 463,038       |
| ESOP loan payments                                   | 152,491       |
|  | 1,476,472     |
| Total  | 4,100,348     |
| Deductions:  |               |
| Benefits paid to participants                        | 670,387       |
| Administrative expenses                              | 92,554        |
| Interest expense                                     | 41,282        |
| Total deductions                                     | 804,223       |
| Net increase   | 3,296,125     |
| Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year | 14,330,447    |
| Net assets available for benefits, end of year       | \$ 17,626,572 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**(1) Description of Plan**

The following description of the Heritage Financial Corporation 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

**(a) General**

Heritage Financial Corporation (the Company) is a bank holding company with headquarters in Olympia, Washington.

The Plan is a qualified defined contribution plan established by the Company under the provisions of Section 401(a), Section 401(k) and Section 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) with salary reduction and employer stock ownership features for the benefit of eligible employees of the Company. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

The Plan is administered by the 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan (KSOP) Committee, which consists of certain officers and employees of the Company. Wilmington Trust Company serves as the Custodian, certain officers of the Company serve as Trustees of the Plan and RBC Wealth Management serves as the investment advisor.

**(b) Eligibility**

Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first of the month coincident with or following thirty days of service and attaining age eighteen.

**(c) Contributions**

Participants may elect to contribute up to the lesser of 100% of their eligible compensation or to certain limitations under the IRC. These limitations include a dollar limitation (\$16,500 for 2009 and \$15,500 for 2008) and discrimination testing limitations. Additionally, participants over age 50 may make catch-up contributions up to the applicable dollar limitation (\$5,500 for 2009 and \$5,000 for 2008). Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans.

The Company makes contributions to participant accounts as follows:

- 1) a matching contribution equal to 50% of the participant's contribution up to 6% of the participant's eligible compensation. Matching contributions are subject to discrimination limitations.
- 2) required profit sharing contribution of 2% of the participant's eligible compensation.



- 3) discretionary profit sharing contributions beyond the required 2% contribution.

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- 4) discretionary Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) allocation of Company Stock, determined based on the current year ESOP loan principal and interest repayments. See note 3 for additional discussion.

No Company discretionary profit sharing contribution was made with respect to the 2009 year.

The following provisions apply to contributions:

Participants are eligible for matching contributions upon participation in the Plan.

Non-ESOP Employer contributions to the Plan are invested as directed by the employee.

ESOP contributions are employer directed and initially invested in Heritage Financial Corporation common stock. Participants may elect to diversify these investments as permitted under the Plan.

Participants, who are not credited with at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year and are not employed on the last working day of a Plan year, are not eligible for an allocation of non-matching Company profit sharing or ESOP contributions for that year except in the event of the participant's death, disability or retirement.

During 2009, the Company met the minimum funding requirements as defined by ERISA.

***(d) Participants Accounts***

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective (401(k)) contributions and allocations of the Company's contributions (including Company stock attributable to repayments of the ESOP loan) and Plan earnings net of expenses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participant accounts are valued daily based on quoted market prices.

***(e) Vesting***

Participants are always vested in their 401(k) contributions plus earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contributions plus earnings thereon is based on years of service. A participant's matching contribution and all other employer contributions are 100% vested after six years of service (or upon death or disability while employed, or retirement on or after normal retirement age), with 20% vesting at two years of service increasing by an additional 20% with each additional year of service.

***(f) Investment Options***

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The Plan's ESOP component is designed to invest primarily in Company common stock in order to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) of the IRC and Income Tax Regulation 54.4975-11. Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct his or her 401(k) contributions in 1% increments among eleven registered investment company funds, one money market fund, and the Company stock fund. Participants also have the option to invest in four different managed portfolio strategies.

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Participants may change their investment elections and reallocate their investments on a daily basis (including with respect to Company stock). Contributions may be temporarily held as cash balances pending the execution of the investment according to the participant's direction.

***(g) Payment of Benefits***

No distributions from the Plan may be made until a participant retires, dies (in which case, payment shall be made to his or her beneficiary or, if none, to his or her legal representatives), becomes disabled or otherwise terminates employment with the Company. Participants aged 59 1/2 or older are eligible for in-service distributions. However, the participant has the right to defer receipt of his Plan accounts until he or she attains her normal retirement age (age 65).

Distributions are made in cash, Company stock, or both, at the election of the participant, subject to the terms of the Plan.

Benefit distributions are based on the participant's vested account balance and may be distributed in a lump sum. If a participant's vested account balances exceed \$1,000, a participant may elect to have the vested accounts distributed in installments over a period of not more than the participant's life expectancy, or through the purchase of an annuity. In the case of a married participant, certain accounts from a previously merged plan must be distributed in the form of a joint and survivor annuity with the participant's spouse as the joint annuitant, unless waived by the participant and consented to by the participant's spouse.

Under certain conditions, participants, while still employed by the Company, are permitted to withdraw in a single sum, the employee contribution portion of their account balance on account of hardship as defined in IRS regulations. If a hardship withdrawal is made, a participant's right to make 401(k) contributions to the Plan will be suspended for six months after the receipt of the hardship withdrawal. This will affect the participant's right to receive matching contributions but not other Company contributions. In addition, participants, while still employed by the Company, are permitted to withdraw all or a portion of their employee account balance after age 59 1/2. Rollover accounts may be withdrawn, all or part, once during each Plan Year regardless of the participant's age.

The Plan has the right to immediately distribute participant accounts upon termination of service for participants with balances not exceeding \$1,000, as a lump sum distribution.

***(h) Diversification***

Participants may diversify their employer contributions daily among all of the investment options in the Plan from time to time, including the Company stock fund.

***(i) Voting and Dividend Rights***

No participant shall have any voting or dividend rights or other rights of a stockholder prior to the time that shares are allocated to the participant.

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Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares of Company stock allocated to his or her account and is notified by the trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised.

***(j) Forfeitures***

Forfeitures may be used to pay reasonable and permitted administrative expenses, with the remainder used to reduce the Company's employer contribution obligation. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, forfeited non-vested accounts approximated \$0 and \$8,000, respectively. Forfeitures used to reduce employer contributions during 2009 were approximately \$29,000.

***(k) Participant Loans***

Participants may borrow, upon written application, any amount provided that the aggregate amount of all outstanding loans to the participant from the Plan, taking into account loans made from any other qualified plan maintained by the employer, shall not exceed the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the participant's vested account balance. Loan terms shall not exceed five years, except for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are collateralized by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate equal to the then current prime rate. Principal and interest is paid ratably semi-monthly through payroll deductions. The interest rate on outstanding loans as of December 31, 2009 ranged from 3.25% to 4.00% and the loans mature through October 2014.

***(l) Administrative Expenses***

Administrative expenses including trust, recordkeeping, audit, and investment fees are paid by the Plan. The Company may also pay administrative expenses.

**(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***(a) Basis of Accounting***

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

***(b) Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*(c) Risks and Uncertainties*

The Plan allows participants to direct contributions into money market funds, various registered investment company funds, and Company stock. The underlying investment securities of these funds and Company stock are exposed to various risks, including but not limited to interest rate, market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain underlying investment

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securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of the funds, in particular the Company stock, it is likely that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Participants should refer to Heritage Financial Corporation's annual and quarterly financial statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (Form 10K and 10Q) regarding risks associated with Company stock.

***(d) Investment Valuation and Income Recognition***

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Shares of registered investment company funds and the Company stock in the ESOP fund are valued at quoted market prices. The Company stock fund is valued at fair value based on its year-end unit closing price (comprised of year-end market price of the stock on the NASDAQ National Market System plus cash equivalent position held, if any). Participant loans are valued at fair value and money market funds are valued at cost.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the moving average method. Net appreciation in fair value of investments represents the change in fair value from one period to the next and realized gains and losses.

***(e) Payment of Benefits***

Benefits are recorded when paid. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, assets allocated to withdrawing participants totaled \$0 and \$2,127, respectively.

**(3) Leveraged ESOP Feature**

The Plan purchased shares of the Company's stock using the proceeds of a loan from the Company and the Plan holds the stock in a trust established under the Plan. The loan is to be repaid over a period of 15 years funded by Company contributions to the trust fund. The Company stock acquired with the ESOP loan are held in a suspense account under the Plan pending repayment of the loan.

Under the ESOP feature of the Plan, the Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan's dividends and interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its term indebtedness to the Company. Each year, as the Plan makes payments of principal and interest, an appropriate percentage of stock released from the suspense account in accordance with applicable regulations under the IRC, and allocated to participants, generally on a pro rata basis based on annual compensation.

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The unallocated shares of Company stock collateralize the loan. The lender has no rights against shares once they are allocated under the Plan. Accordingly, the table below presents separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

(a) accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock and

(b) stock not yet allocated to employees.

The Plan's ESOP assets are summarized as follows and represent a component of the Heritage Financial Corporation common stock as presented on the Statement of Net Assets:

|  | 2009         |             | 2008      |             |
|--|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|  | Allocated    | Unallocated | Allocated | Unallocated |
| Heritage Financial Corporation common stock, at fair value | \$ 2,004,756 | 393,309     | 1,738,042 | 463,050     |
| Cash   | 148          |             | 36,185    | 31          |
| Employer contributions                                     | 2,052        |             |           |             |
| Forfeitures  |              |             | (5,097)   |             |
| Pending transfers  | (486)        | (2,753)     | (1,527)   |             |
| Loan payable to Heritage Financial Corporation             |              | (422,580)   |           | (537,576)   |
| Net ESOP assets (liabilities)                              | \$ 2,006,470 | (32,024)    | 1,767,603 | (74,495)    |

The ESOP component's change in net assets is summarized as follows:

|   | Year ended December 31, 2009 |             |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|
|   | Allocated                    | Unallocated |
| Heritage Financial Corporation common stock:  |                              |             |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | \$ 185,725                   | 55,056      |
| Interest and dividends                        | 14,191                       | 3,781       |
| Loan payments                                 |                              | 152,491     |
| Shares released                               | 127,575                      | (127,575)   |
| Other   | 82                           |             |
| Fund transfers/stock diversifications         | (80,553)                     |             |
| Distributions to participants                 | (7,983)                      |             |
| Administrative expense                        | (170)                        |             |
| Interest expense                              |                              | (41,282)    |
| Net increase                                  | 238,867                      | 42,471      |
| Net assets, beginning of year                 | 1,767,603                    | (74,495)    |



|                         |              |          |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Net assets, end of year | \$ 2,006,470 | (32,024) |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------|

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In January 1998, the Plan borrowed \$1,323,000 from the Company to purchase shares of the Company's stock. The loan matures January 2013 and is repaid in monthly installments of \$13,023 primarily from the Company's contributions. Interest is accrued at a rate of 8.5% per annum.

The repayment schedule for principal is as follows:

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Year ended December 31: |            |
| 2010                    | 125,161    |
| 2011                    | 136,223    |
| 2012                    | 148,264    |
| Thereafter              | 12,932     |
| Total                   | \$ 422,580 |

**(4) Investments**

The following investments represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits at the end of the year:

|   | 2009         | 2008      |
|---|--------------|-----------|
| Heritage Financial Corporation common stock | \$ 5,783,886 | 5,346,283 |
| American Funds EuroPacific                  | 886,869      |           |
| American Funds Growth Fund R4               | 1,724,634    | 1,032,850 |
| Baron Small Cap                             | 1,533,367    | 1,039,921 |
| Pimco Total Return Admin                    | 2,574,505    | 2,050,110 |
| Frank Russell Money Market Fund             | 1,828,045    | 2,075,018 |
| Van Kampen Growth & Income                  | 964,740      |           |

The Plan's investments appreciated during the year ended December 31, 2009 as follows:

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Registered investment company funds | \$ 1,762,281 |
| Common stock                        | 579,706      |
|                                     | \$ 2,341,987 |

**(5) Fair Value Measurements**

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Fair value is measured in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. The three levels are described below:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

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Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities: in active markets;

Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;

Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;

Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2009 and 2008.

**Money market funds and equity securities:** Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

**Registered investment company funds:** Valued at the net asset value ( NAV ) of shares held by the plan at year-end,

**Participant loans:** Value is based on the present value of discounted cash flows.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2009:

|   | Investments at estimated fair value |           |                  | Total                |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------|
|   | Level I                             | Level II  | Level III        |                      |
| Participant-directed investments:                 |                                     |           |                  |                      |
| Registered investment company:                    |                                     |           |                  |                      |
| Equity  | \$ 7,473,585                        | \$        | \$               | \$ 7,473,585         |
| Fixed income                                      | 4,402,550                           |           |                  | 4,402,550            |
| Heritage Financial Corporation common stock       | 5,263,002                           |           |                  | 5,263,002            |
| Money market funds                                | 120,921                             |           |                  | 120,921              |
| <b>Total participant-directed investments:</b>    | <b>17,260,058</b>                   |           |                  | <b>17,260,058</b>    |
| Nonparticipant-directed investments:              |                                     |           |                  |                      |
| Heritage Financial Corporation common stock       | 520,884                             |           |                  | 520,884              |
| Money market funds                                |                                     |           |                  |                      |
| <b>Total nonparticipant-directed investments:</b> | <b>520,884</b>                      |           |                  | <b>520,884</b>       |
| Participant loans                                 |                                     |           | 63,611           | 63,611               |
| <b>Total investments</b>                          | <b>\$ 17,780,942</b>                | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$ 63,611</b> | <b>\$ 17,844,553</b> |

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The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2008:

|   | Investments at estimated fair value |           |                  | Total                |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------|
|   | Level I                             | Level II  | Level III        |                      |
| Participant-directed investments:                 |                                     |           |                  |                      |
| Registered investment company:                    |                                     |           |                  |                      |
| Equity  | \$ 4,810,417                        | \$        | \$               | \$ 4,810,417         |
| Fixed income                                      | 4,259,572                           |           |                  | 4,259,572            |
| Heritage Financial Corporation common stock       | 3,145,191                           |           |                  | 3,145,191            |
| Money market funds                                | 31,327                              |           |                  | 31,327               |
| <b>Total participant-directed investments:</b>    | <b>12,246,507</b>                   |           |                  | <b>12,246,507</b>    |
| Nonparticipant-directed investments:              |                                     |           |                  |                      |
| Heritage Financial Corporation common stock       | 2,201,092                           |           |                  | 2,201,092            |
| Money market funds                                | 115,950                             |           |                  | 115,950              |
| <b>Total nonparticipant-directed investments:</b> | <b>2,317,042</b>                    |           |                  | <b>2,317,042</b>     |
| Participant loans                                 |                                     |           | 37,193           | 37,193               |
| <b>Total investments</b>                          | <b>\$ 14,563,549</b>                | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$ 37,193</b> | <b>\$ 14,600,742</b> |

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**Level 3 Gains and Losses**

The table below sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's level 3 assets for the year ended December 31, 2009:

|   | <b>Level III</b> |
|---|------------------|
| <b>Participant loans</b>                          |                  |
| Balance, beginning of year                        | \$ 37,193        |
| Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements (net) | 26,418           |
| Balance, end of year                              | \$ 63,611        |

**(6) Plan Termination**

The Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to Plan provisions. Upon termination of the Plan, participant accounts become fully vested and will be distributed to the participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the IRC. Upon termination of the Plan, the trustee will direct the Plan administrator to pay all liabilities and expenses of the trust fund and to sell shares of unallocated stock to the extent it determines such sale necessary to repay the loan. Remaining unallocated shares will be allocated to participants.

**(7) Tax Status**

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on October 25, 2002, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements. The Plan will be submitted to the IRS for a determination letter in accordance with the appropriate reporting cycle.

**(8) Related-Party and Party in Interest Transactions**

The Plan's assets, which consist primarily of shares of Company stock, registered investment company funds, and money market funds are held by Wilmington Trust Company, the Custodian of the Plan assets. The Company's contributions are held and managed by the custodian at the direction of the Trustees, which invests cash received, interest and dividend income, and makes distributions to participants. The record keeper administers the payment of interest and principal on the loan, which is reimbursed to the trustee through contributions determined by the Company.

Officers or employees of the Company perform certain administrative functions. No officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, the Plan paid Wilmington Trust Company \$9,256 for services as custodian of the Plan assets. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the Plan paid approximately \$83,000 to other service providers that are defined as a Party in Interest under

ERISA.



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**(9) Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 22, 2010, the date the financial statements were issued.

**(10) Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Schedule H of Form 5500**

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Schedule H of Form 5500:

|  | 2009                 | 2008              |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|
| Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements       | \$ 17,626,572        | 14,330,447        |
| Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants                        |                      | (2,127)           |
| <b>Net assets available for benefits per Schedule H of Form 5500</b> | <b>\$ 17,626,572</b> | <b>14,328,320</b> |

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements to Schedule H of Form 5500:

|   | Year ended<br>December 31,<br>2009 |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Benefits paid to participants per the financial statements              | \$ 670,387                         |
| Less amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at end of prior year | (2,127)                            |
| <b>Add amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at year-end</b>    |                                    |
| <b>Benefits paid to participants per Schedule H of Form 5500</b>        | <b>\$ 668,260</b>                  |

**(11) Delinquent Contributions**

The Company remitted one loan payment after the date required during 2008 by the Department of Labor. The Company has determined the amount of lost earnings and contributed the amount to the participant's account during 2009.

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EIN: 91-1857900

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Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4(i) Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2009

| (a) | (b)<br>Identity of issue, borrower,<br>lessor, or similar party | (c)<br>Description of investment<br>including maturity date,<br>rate of interest, collateral,<br>par or maturity value | (e)<br>Current<br>value |
|-----|---|--|-------------------------|
|     | Participant directed investments:                               |  |                         |
|     | Registered investment company funds:                            |  |                         |
|     | Allianz NFJ Small Cap Value Fund Class A                        | 22,447 shares  | \$ 520,553              |
|     | American Funds Europac R4                                       | 23,512 shares  | 886,869                 |
|     | American Funds Growth Fund R4                                   | 63,616 shares  | 1,724,634               |
|     | American Capital World G&I-4                                    | 4,369 shares   | 148,637                 |
|     | Aston Optimum Mid Cap Fund                                      | 3,582 shares   | 93,442                  |
|     | Baron Small Cap Fund  | 79,614 shares  | 1,533,367               |
|     | DFA Emerging Markets Value Fund                                 | 2,527 shares   | 79,458                  |
|     | Davis NY Venture A  | 22,380 shares  | 693,320                 |
|     | Pimco Total Return Admin Fund                                   | 238,380 shares   | 2,574,505               |
|     | Frank Russell Money Market Fund                                 | 1,828,045 shares   | 1,828,045               |
|     | Vanguard 500 Index Fund   | 8,070 shares   | 828,565                 |
|     | Van Kampen Growth   | 55,830 shares  | 964,740                 |
| *   | Heritage Financial Corporation common stock                     | 502,925 shares   | 5,263,002               |
|     | Schwab Unitized Fund cash                                       | 100,355 units  | 100,355                 |
|     | Schwab cash   | 20,566 units   | 20,566                  |
| *   | Participant loans   | Interest rates of 3.25%<br>4.00%, maturing<br>through October 2014   | 63,611                  |
|     |   |  | 17,323,669              |
|     | Nonparticipant directed investments:                            |  |                         |
| *   | Heritage Financial Corporation common stock                     | 37,800 shares  | 520,884                 |
|     |   |  | \$ 17,844,553           |

\* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.

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**401(k) EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST**

EIN: 91-1857900

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Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4(a) Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Year ended December 31, 2009

| (a)   | (b)  | (c)  | (d)                  | (e)           |
|---|--|--|----------------------|---------------|
| Identity of party involved  | Relationship to plan,<br>employer, or other<br>party in interest | Description of transactions including rate of interest   | Amount on line<br>4a | Lost interest |
| Heritage Financial Corporation<br>See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm. | Plan Sponsor   | One loan repayment not deposited to the trustee in a timely manner during 2008. Lost earnings were contributed to the participant's account during 2009. | \$ 399.79            | \$ 1.98       |

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**(a) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2009 and 2008

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2009

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Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Line 4a Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

**(b) EXHIBIT**

Exhibit 23 - Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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**SIGNATURES**

The Plan, pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other person who administer the Plan) have duly caused the annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 22, 2010

**HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k)**

**EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AND TRUST**

(Name of Plan)

BY: /s/ Brian L. Vance

NAME: Brian L. Vance

TITLE: President & Chief Executive Officer

BY: /s/ Donald J. Hinson

NAME: Donald J. Hinson

TITLE: Chief Financial Officer