

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
January 06, 2009

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest
event reported)

December 31, 2008

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-16197
(Commission
File Number)

22-3537895
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

158 Route 206,
Peapack-Gladstone, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive
Offices)

07934
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,
including area code

(908) 234-0700

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

Arthur F. Birmingham, Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation's (the "Corporation") Chief Financial Officer, informed the Corporation on Wednesday, December 31, 2008 of his decision to retire. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of a press release of the Corporation dated January 5, 2009.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL
CORPORATION

Dated: January 6, 2009

By: /s/ Arthur F. Birmingham
Name: Arthur F. Birmingham
Title: Executive Vice President and
Chief
Financial Officer