PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K August 16, 2006

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

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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) August 10, 2006

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey001-1619722-3537895(State or Other Jurisdiction<br/>of Incorporation)(Commission<br/>File Number)(I.R.S. Employer<br/>Identification No.)

158	Route	206,	Peapack	-Gladstone	, New	Jersey	07934	
(Add	lress (	of Pr	incipal	Executive	Office	es)	(Zip Co	ode)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (908) 234-0700

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

After 30 years of service, Mr. Jack D. Stine, Director of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation announced his retirement at a meeting of the board of directors of the Corporation on August 10, 2006. The retirement will be effective on December 31, 2006.

## 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: August 16, 2006

By: /s/ Arthur F. Birmingham

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

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