LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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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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1(b).

Common

Stock

12/07/2007

(Print or Type Responses)

| I | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN] | | | | s | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|-----|--|---|--|---|--|
| | | | Day/Year) | | | | _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | | |
| Fil | | | | 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 | | | |
| BRISTOL, | IN 46507 | | | | | | Ī | Person | | | |
| (City) | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secu | ities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | ransaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) mr Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | | Code V $S_{\underline{(1)}}$ | Amount 1,130 | (D) | Price \$ 19.46 | (Instr. 3 and 4) 51,854 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | | S(1) | 1,500 | D | \$ 19.4601 | 50,354 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | | S(1) | 400 | D | \$ 19.465 | 49,954 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | | S(1) | 1,300 | D | \$ 19.466 | 48,654 | D | | |

 $S^{(1)}$

770

D

\$ 19.47 47,884

D

| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 800 | D | \$ 19.4701 | 47,084 | D |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------|---|---------------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 19.478 | 46,484 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 400 | D | \$ 19.48 | 46,084 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 19.49 | 45,484 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 400 | D | \$ 19.4901 | 45,084 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 19.4922 | 44,984 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 19.4944 | 44,884 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 1,300 | D | \$ 19.5 | 43,584 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 19.5001 | 43,384 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S <u>(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 19.5022 | 43,284 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 500 | D | \$ 19.51 | 42,784 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 200 | D | \$ 19.515 | 42,584 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 800 | D | \$ 19.55 | 41,784 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 1,000 | D | \$ 19.57 | 40,784 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 700 | D | \$ 19.5701 | 40,084 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 100 | D | \$ 19.58 | 39,984 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 100 | D | \$ 19.584 | 39,884 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 100 | D | \$ 19.5876 | 39,784 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 200 | D | \$ 19.59 | 39,584 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | S(1) | 100 | D | \$ 19.85 | 39,484 | D |
| | 12/11/2007 | S(1) | 1,500 | D | \$ 19.82 | 37,984 | D |

Common Stock

1. Title of 2.

Common By Ι 4,000 Stock Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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6. Date Exercisable and

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7. Title and Amount of

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

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| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(2)</u> | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 2,432 |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(2)</u> | | | | | 04/26/2005 | 04/26/2015 | Common Stock | 70 |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(2)</u> | | | | | 07/26/2005 | 07/26/2015 | Common Stock | 60 |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(2)</u> | | | | | 07/12/2005 | 07/12/2015 | Common Stock | 464 |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(2)</u> | | | | | 10/25/2005 | 10/25/2005 | Common Stock | 66 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 07/26/2004 | 07/26/2014 | Common Stock | 68 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 01/07/2003 | 01/07/2013 | Common Stock | 561 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 01/16/2004 | 01/16/2014 | Common Stock | 527 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | | | | | 01/26/2005 | 01/26/2015 | Common Stock | 58 |
| | | | | | | | | | |

| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 07/10/2003 07/10/20 | Common Stock | 481 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 01/26/2004 01/26/20 | Common Stock | 48 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 10/27/2003 10/27/20 | Common Stock | 51 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 04/28/2003 04/28/20 | Common Stock | 63.4 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 01/28/2003 01/28/20 | Common Stock | 63.4 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 04/28/2004 04/28/20 | Common Stock | 64 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 01/01/2003 01/01/20 | Common Stock | 8,224.2 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 07/30/2003 07/30/20 | Common Stock | 53 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 07/14/2004 07/14/20 | Common Stock | 450 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 10/26/2004 10/26/20 | Common Stock | 64 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 01/11/2005 01/11/20 | Common Stock | 402 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 6.75 | 06/13/2005 06/13/20 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 6.8125 | 01/09/2006 01/09/20 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 7.5625 | 02/08/2005 02/08/20 | Common Stock | 1,200 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 9.7188 | 02/09/2004 02/09/20 | Common Stock | 1,150 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 14 | 05/12/2003 05/10/20 | Common Stock | 1,850 |
| | \$ 17.185 | 12/09/2008 12/09/20 | 13 | 1,000 |

Stock Common Options Stock (Right to

buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LUDWIG ALLAN J

55755 COUNTRY RD 27

BRISTOL, IN 46507

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact

**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) The sale transaction occured for tax and estate planning purposes.
- (4) Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (3) Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (2) Each phantom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.

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