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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* WELCH M SCOTT					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]] (Ch	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
WELCH WISCOTT				Į.										X Dire	Director		10% O	wner	
(Last)	(Fi	irst)	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/10/2003									Offic belo	er (give v)	title	Other (below)	specify	
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. lı	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable							
(Street)														e)					
												X Form filed by One Reporting Person							
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)											Forr Pers		y More tha	ın One Repo	rting	
		Tal	ble I - Non-	-Deriva	tive S	ecurit	ties A	Acqu	uired, D	Disp	osed of	, or Ben	eficial	y Owne	d				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D				Execution Date			Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			4 and Securities Beneficia Owned Fe		For (D)	wnership m: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transa	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	Cod	Transaction Code (Instr.		of		ate Exerci ration Dai nth/Day/Ye	te	e and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		f g Security	8. Price Derivati Security (Instr. 5)	deri Sec Ben Owi Foll Rep Trar	tumber of tvative urities leficially ned owing lefted insaction(s) tr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Cod	de V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	cisable	Ex Da	piration te	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Phantom Stock	0(1)	07/10/2003		A		238		07/1	0/2003 ⁽³⁾	07/	/10/2013 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	238	\$33.09		238	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ Each \ phantom \ stock \ unit \ exersises \ into \ 1 \ share \ of \ Common \ Stock.$
- 3. Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- 4. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

07/11/2003

<u>in-Fact</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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).

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