FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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STEININGER DONALD B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP</u> [LKFN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/10/2003		tionship of Reporting Per all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)								
		(Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	,									
		Table I - Non-Deriv	ative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefic	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)

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

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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)	4. Transa Code (8)		of Deriva Securi Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D)	Derivative (Month/Day/Year) securities coquired A) or Disposed of (D) instr. 3, 4		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	0 ⁽¹⁾	07/10/2003		Α		252.5		07/10/2003 ⁽²⁾	07/10/2013 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	252.5	\$33.05	252.5	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each phantom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.

2. Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

3. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

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07/11/2003

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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