LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STEININGER DONALD B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6914 WOODCROFT

(Street)

FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/25/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock								13,500	D	
Common Stock								700	I	By Spouse

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

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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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(1)							04/26/2005	04/26/2015	Common Stock	6
Phantom Stock	(1)							07/12/2005	07/12/2015	Common Stock	232
Phantom Stock	(1)							07/26/2005	07/26/2015	Common Stock	5
Phantom Stock	$ 0							07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	252.5
Phantom Stock	$ 0							10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	1
Phantom Stock	$ 0							01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	252.5
Phantom Stock	$ 0							01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	1
Phantom Stock	$ 0							04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	3
Phantom Stock	$ 0							07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	281
Phantom Stock	$ 0							07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	4
Phantom Stock	$ 0							10/26/2004	10/26/2014	Common Stock	5
Phantom Stock	$ 0							01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	217
Phantom Stock	$ 0							01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	4
Phantom Stock	(1)	10/25/2005		A		8		10/25/2005(2)	10/25/2005(3)	Common Stock	8

Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 14.25		06/12/2006	06/12/2011	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	$ 34.37		12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STEININGER DONALD B 6914 WOODCROFT FORT WAYNE, IN 46804	X			

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact	10/26/2005
**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).

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

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

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

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