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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION										OMB APPROVAL		
	UNITED 5	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549										
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(Print or Type Respon	nses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> HIATT THOMAS			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 1387			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/07/2017				X_Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)					
((Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Origina Filed(Month/Day/Year)				e Original			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by				
WARSAW, IN 4	6581-1387							Form filed by M Person	More than One Re	eporting		
(City) ((State) (Z	iip)	Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecuritie	s Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned		
	Transaction Date onth/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Day	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or		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)		
Common Stock				Code V	Amount	(D) F	Price	16,304	D			
Common Stock								965	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number onof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities		8. Price of Derivativ Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	08/07/2017		А	101	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	101	\$ 46.166

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HIATT THOMAS LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORA P.O. BOX 1387 WARSAW, IN 46581-1387	TION	Х				
Signatures						
Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact	08/0	8/2017				
**Signature of Reporting Person	Ľ	Date				
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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) 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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