

PEOPLES HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
August 19, 2004

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D. C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

August 18, 2004

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Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

**THE PEOPLES HOLDING COMPANY**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Mississippi

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

1-13253

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(Commission File Number)

64-0676974

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(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

209 Troy Street, Tupelo, Mississippi 38802-0709

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number: (662)680-1001

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ITEM 7: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Press Release, dated August 18, 2004, issued by The Peoples Holding Company.

ITEM 9: REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On August 18, 2004, The Peoples Holding Company issued a press release announcing the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock of \$0.21 per share payable October 1, 2004, to its shareholders of record on September 20, 2004. This reflects a \$0.01 per share increase in its quarterly cash dividend. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE PEOPLES HOLDING COMPANY

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Registrant

/s/ E. Robinson McGraw

DATE: August 18, 2004

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E. Robinson McGraw  
President & Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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