

PEOPLES HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
January 03, 2005

UNITED STATES  
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

January 3, 2005

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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)

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Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code: (662) 680-1001

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(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On January 3, 2005, The Peoples Holding Company issued a press release announcing the completion of its acquisition of Heritage Financial Holding Corporation, the parent company of \$540 million Heritage Bank, an Alabama banking corporation which operates eight banking offices in Decatur, Huntsville, and Birmingham. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Press Release, dated January 3, 2005, issued by The Peoples Holding Company.

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SIGNATURES

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

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E. Robinson McGraw

DATE: January 3, 2005

President & Chief Executive Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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