

FULTON FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 27, 2004

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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: December 27, 2004

Date of earliest event reported: December 21, 2004

FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania

0-10587

23-2195389

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

Commission File No.

(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

One Penn Square, P.O. Box 4887, Lancaster, PA

17604

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 291-2411

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 5.02.

**Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

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In accordance with the Agreement and Plan of Merger between Fulton and First Washington Financial Corp, Fulton appointed Abraham S. Opatut, a First Washington director, to the Fulton board of directors effective as of January 18, 2005. Mr. Opatut will serve until the 2005 annual meeting of Fulton's shareholders, and he will be nominated to serve for, and stand for election to, a three year term at that meeting.

SIGNATURES

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

FULTON  
FINANCIAL  
CORPORATION

By: /s/ Charles J. Nugent  
Charles J. Nugent  
Senior Executive  
Vice President and  
Chief Financial  
Officer

Date: December 27, 2004