

PEOPLES HOLDING CO  
Form S-8  
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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM S-8

### REGISTRATION STATEMENT

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED*

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## THE PEOPLES HOLDING COMPANY

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

Mississippi  
*(State or other*

*jurisdiction of incorporation*

*or organization)*

64-0676974  
*(I.R.S Employer*

*Identification Number)*

209 Troy Street

Tupelo, Mississippi, 38802-0709

(662) 680-1001

*(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,*

*including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)*

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# THE PEOPLES BANK & TRUST COMPANY

## 401(k) PLAN

*(Full title of the Plan)*

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*Copy to:*

**E. ROBINSON McGRAW**

**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
The Peoples Holding Company

209 Troy Street

Tupelo, Mississippi 38802-0709

(662) 680-1001

**JANE E. ARMSTRONG, ESQ.**  
Phelps Dunbar LLP

365 Canal St., Suite 2000

New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

(504) 584-9244

*(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,*

*including area code, of agent for service)*

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### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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<b>Title of each</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Proposed maximum offering price</b>	<b>Proposed maximum</b>	<b>Amount of</b>
<b>Class of securities</b>	<b>To be</b>	<b>price</b>	<b>Aggregate offering</b>	<b>registration</b>
<b>to be registered<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>Registered<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>per unit</b>	<b>price<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>fee</b>
Common Stock				
\$5.00 par value	450,000 Shares	\$32.62	\$14,679,000	\$1,727.72

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In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the 1933 Act ), this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein.

- (2) In the event of a stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction involving common stock of the registrant, in order to prevent dilution, the number of shares registered shall be automatically increased to cover the additional shares in accordance with Rule 416(a) under the 1933 Act.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h), based upon the average of the high and low sales prices per share of the registrant's common stock on January 31, 2005, as reported on the American Stock Exchange.

The Post-Effective Amendment shall become effective  
upon filing in accordance with Rule 464 under the 1933 Act.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, this Registration Statement is being filed solely to register 450,000 additional shares of the registrant's \$5.00 par value common stock issuable under The Peoples Bank & Trust Company 401(k) Plan. As of December 31, 2004, two tax qualified employee benefit plans maintained by an affiliate of the registrant were merged into The Peoples Bank & Trust Company 401(k) Plan, one of which was an employee stock ownership plan providing for the investment of its assets solely or primarily in the registrant's common stock. The shares registered herein represent an aggregate of 400,000 shares allocable to the employee stock ownership component of the plan and an additional 50,000 shares to be available for investment and reinvestment of accounts maintained under the 401(k) plan. Pursuant to Form S-8, General Instruction E, the Registrant incorporates by reference herein the contents of the April 10, 2003 Registration Statement No. 333-104445.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

- 5 Opinion of Phelps Dunbar LLP as to the legality of the securities being registered.
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
- 23.2 Consent of Phelps Dunbar LLP (included in Exhibit 5 hereto).
- 24 Powers of Attorney (included on the Signature Page attached hereto).
- 99.1 The Peoples Bank & Trust Company 401(k) Plan Merger Amendment, effective as of December 31, 2004, effecting a merger of the Registrant's Employee Stock Option Plan, Money Purchase Plan and 401(k) Plan into a single plan, with the surviving plan being The Peoples Bank & Trust Company 401(k) Plan.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the 1933 Act, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Tupelo, State of Mississippi, on this 18th day of January, 2005.

**THE PEOPLES HOLDING COMPANY**

By: /s/ E. Robinson McGraw  
 E. Robinson McGraw  
 President and Chief Executive Officer

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears immediately below constitutes and appoints E. Robinson McGraw and Stuart R. Johnson, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the 1933 Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ E. Robinson McGraw</u> E. Robinson McGraw	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	January 18, 2005
<u>/s/ Stuart R. Johnson</u> Stuart R. Johnson	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	January 18, 2005
<u>/s/ William M. Beasley</u> William M. Beasley	Director	January 18, 2005

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/s/ George H. Booth, II	Director	January 18, 2005
George H. Booth, II		
/s/ Frank B. Brooks	Director	January 18, 2005
Frank B. Brooks		
/s/ Francis J. Cianciola	Director	January 18, 2005
Francis J. Cianciola		
John M. Creekmore	Director	January 18, 2005
John M. Creekmore		
/s/ Marshall H. Dickerson	Director	January 18, 2005
Marshall H. Dickerson		
/s/ John T. Foy	Director	January 18, 2005
John T. Foy		
/s/ Eugene B. Gifford, Jr.	Director	January 18, 2005
Eugene B. Gifford, Jr.		
/s/ Richard L. Heyer, Jr.	Director	January 18, 2005
Richard L. Heyer, Jr.		
/s/ Neal A. Holland	Directors	January 18, 2005
Neal A. Holland		
/s/ Harold Jeffreys	Director	January 18, 2005
Harold Jeffreys		
	Director	January 18, 2005
Jack C. Johnson		

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<u>/s/ Robert C. Leake</u> Robert C. Leake	Director	January 18, 2005
<u>/s/ J. Niles McNeel</u> J. Niles McNeel	Director	January 18, 2005
<u>/s/ C. Larry Michael</u> C. Larry Michael	Director	January 18, 2005
<u>/s/ Theodore S. Moll</u> Theodore S. Moll	Director	January 18, 2005
<u>/s/ John W. Smith</u> John W. Smith	Director	January 18, 2005
<u>/s/ H. Joe Truelove</u> H. Joe Truelove	Director	January 18, 2005
<u>/s/ J. Larry Young</u> J. Larry Young	Director	January 18, 2005

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