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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
Form SC 13G  
January 30, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO  
RULES 13d-1(b)(c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO  
RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_)\*

Provident Financial Services, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

74386T 10 5

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2003

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's  
initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and  
for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the  
disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed  
to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act  
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

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- 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)  
The Provident Bank  
Employee Stock Ownership Plan Trust
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)   
(b)
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
New Jersey
- |   |   |                                     |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER<br>4,620,653      |
|   | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER<br>148,811      |
|   | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>4,769,464 |
|   | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER<br>0       |
- 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
4,769,464
- 10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
7.8% of 60,792,600 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of  
December 31, 2003.
- 12 TYPE IN REPORTING PERSON\*  
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- Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:  
Provident Financial Services, Inc.
- Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
830 Bergen Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306-4599
- Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:  
The Provident Bank  
Employee Stock Ownership Plan Trust  
Trustee: GreatBanc Trust Company
- Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office:



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Not applicable

Item 10.

Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 29, 2004

THE PROVIDENT BANK EMPLOYEE STOCK  
OWNERSHIP PLAN TRUST

By: GREATBANC TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

By: /s/ Stephen J. Hartman, Jr.  
Stephen J. Hartman, Jr.  
Senior Vice President