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FULTON FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K December 27, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Item 5.02.

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report: <u>December 27, 2004</u>

Date of earliest event reported: <u>December 21, 2004</u>

FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>0-10587</u>	<u>23-2195389</u>	
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	Commission File No.	(IRS Employer Identification Number)	
One Penn Square,	P.O. Box 4887, Lancaster, PA	<u>17604</u>	
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)	
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 291-2411			
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)			
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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 FinancialCorp, 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