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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad DEMPSEY M	^	_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GREIF INC [GEF,GEF.B]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)				
425 WINTER ROAD			(Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2004	DirectorX 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
DELAWARE, OH 43015			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onAcquired Disposed	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Class B Common Stock	12/17/2004		Code V G(1)	Amount 420	(D)	Price	507,657	D		
Class A Common Stock							874	D		
Class B Common Stock							110,185	I	See footnote.	
Class B Common Stock							5,375,904	I	See footnote.	

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Class A Common Stock	2,349	I	See footnote.
Class B Common Stock	420	I	See footnote.

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	5. nNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
DEMPSEY MICHAEL H								
425 WINTER ROAD		X						
DELAWARE, OH 43015								

Signatures

Michael H. Dempsey by John K. Dieker pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed with the Commission

12/20/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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- (1) Gift to the Henry C. Dempsey Irrevocable Trust, Shannon Dempsey Trustee.
- (2) Michael H. Dempsey is the trustee of the Naomi C. Dempsey Charitable Lead Annuity Trust.
- (3) Michael H. Dempsey is the trustee of the Naomi C. Dempsey trust.
 - These shares are held in a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting person's spouse is the trustee of the trust. The
- (4) reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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