

# FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public  
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>DEMPSEY MICHAEL H</b> <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>  <b>425 WINTER ROAD</b> <small>(Street)</small>  <b>DELAWARE, OH 43015</b> <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>GREIF INC [ GEF,GEF.B ]</b>  <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <b>10/12/2004</b>  <b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class B Common Stock	10/12/2004		G		990	D	\$0.00 (1)	110185	I	See footnote. (2)
Class A Common Stock								874	D	
Class B Common Stock								508077	D	
Class A Common Stock								2349	I	See footnote (3)
Class B Common Stock								5375904	I	See footnote. (3)

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Distribution by the Naomi C. Dempsey Charitable Lead Annuity Trust.
- (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.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

DEMPSEY MICHAEL H 425 WINTER ROAD DELAWARE, OH 43015	X	X		
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**Signatures**

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

**10/13/2004**

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* 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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