

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCNAMARA JOHN W	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 9/1/2009	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GREIF INC [GEF,GEF.B]
(Last) (First) (Middle) 425 WINTER ROAD	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Street) DELAWARE, OH 43015	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	0 (1)	D	
Class B Common Stock	4207	I	See footnote. (2)

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The reporting person does not own any Greif Class A Common Stock.
- (2) Shares are held in voting trust in which the reporting person is the trustee.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCNAMARA JOHN W 425 WINTER ROAD DELAWARE, OH 43015	X			

Signatures

John W. McNamara by John K. Dieker pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission.

9/3/2009

** 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 5(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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GREIF, INC.

POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR
FORMS 3, 4, AND 5 FILINGS

The undersigned, an officer and/or director of Greif, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), hereby constitutes and appoints Gary R. Martz, John K. Dieker, and Kenneth B. Andre III, and each of them, my true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power to act without the other, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place, and stead, in any and all of my capacities for the Company, to sign all Forms 3, 4, or 5 required to be filed by me with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including any and all amendments to any of the foregoing, relating to the Company, and to file the same with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, 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 the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them or their or his substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The undersigned has executed and delivered this Power of Attorney on the date set forth below.

Dated: 09/01/09

/s/ John W. McNamara
Signature of Officer/Director

John W. McNamara, Director
Print Name and Title