2002

THE PEOPLES HOLDING COMPANY SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:

We are pleased to report another record year in 2002. Despite a general slowdown in the economy, we established consistent and sustained earnings growth. The record results reflect success in virtually every area of the Company, including net interest income, net interest margin, noninterest income, asset quality, and the returns on average assets and average equity.

In recognition of the Company's continued success, the Board of Directors increased the cash dividend twice in 2002 to a current annual rate of \$1.08 per share. This marks the 16th consecutive yearly increase in the cash payout. The stock price also reflected our accomplishments. After more than doubling in price in 2001, the Company's stock ended the year at \$40.75, up 10.14% for 2002. This compares with a decline of 4% in the Standard & Poor's bank index for 2002.

Key to our growth in 2002 was the strength of our primary markets. The healthy mix of manufacturing and non-manufacturing employment in our 16-county market in north and north-central Mississippi continued to sustain economic expansion. Leading the growth was the 10-county area around our home base in Lee County and the booming DeSoto County market, just south of Memphis, Tennessee.

Earnings per share, before the cumulative effect of an accounting change recognized in the first quarter of 2002, increased 27.02% to \$3.15 from \$2.48 per share in 2001. Net income, before the cumulative effect of the accounting change, increased 21.14% to \$17,670,000 from \$14,587,000 in 2001. As a result, the return on average equity before the accounting change for 2002 increased to 13.87% from 11.70% in 2001, and the return on average assets grew to 1.35% in 2002 from 1.18% the previous year. Earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2002, increased 17.74% to \$2.92 from \$2.48 per share for 2001. Net income for 2002 increased 12.22% to \$16,370,000 from \$14,587,000 for 2001.

Loan quality improved again in 2002 as we continued to utilize our tools for credit scoring and risk assessment. The provision for loan losses decreased 9.19% to \$4,350,000 in 2002. Net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans and nonperforming loans as a percentage of total loans also declined for the year.

Noninterest income increased 12.52% in 2002. At year-end noninterest income represented 25.92% of gross income, further demonstrating the diversity of our revenue stream and the fact that we are achieving our goal of becoming the primary source of financial services for our clients.

Noninterest expense increased 8.02% in 2002 but was more than offset by the growth in noninterest income. As a result, net noninterest expense as a percentage of average assets, improved to 1.77% in 2002 from 1.82% in 2001. This helped improve our efficiency ratio to 61.24%.

We have continued to manage our capital through stock buybacks. During 2002, we repurchased 129,947 shares at an average price of \$36.09 per share, and we have authorization to purchase an additional 303,776 shares.

Our internal growth initiatives have focused on increasing the number of services per client household. We have now integrated our insurance operation, developed a program for seniors, significantly expanded our Wealth Management division, and generally enhanced our brand as a financial services company.

As we look ahead, our focus will remain on the key elements that are driving our growth. We will also continue to look for acquisition opportunities to fill in our existing markets and to expand into growing markets in southwestern Tennessee and northwestern Alabama. We believe we have positioned the Company for further growth in 2003. Over the longer term, the infrastructure, management team and clear direction are in place to more than double our asset base.

Finally, we would like to recognize the spirit and dedication of our people, as seen in the many daily selfless actions taken to insure that our clients get the best service possible and our shareholders are rewarded for their investment in our Company.

Sincerely,

E. ROBINSON McGRAW

President & Chief Executive Officer

ROBERT C. LEAKE

Chairman of the Board

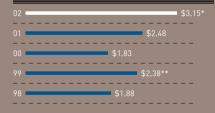


ROBERT C. LEAKE (LEFT) E. ROBINSON McGRAW

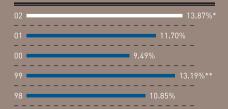
2002 AT A GLANCE:

- Record earnings resulted in a 27.02 percent increase in earnings per share for the year before the cumulative effect of an accounting change.
- The market price per share increased 10.14 percent.
- The Peoples Holding Company repurchased 129,947 shares of its common stock to improve its return on equity, better utilize capital, and improve its earnings per share growth.
- Credit quality improved and nonperforming loans as a percentage of total loans fell from .77 percent in 2001 to .42 percent in 2002.
- Noninterest income for 2002 grew 12.52 percent.

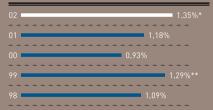
Earnings Per Share



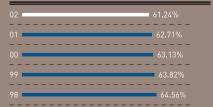
Return on Equity



Return on Assets



Efficiency Ratio



^{*}Before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change

^{**}Reflects gain on sale of credit card portfolio of \$3,717,000 (\$2,379,000 net of taxes

OUR VISION

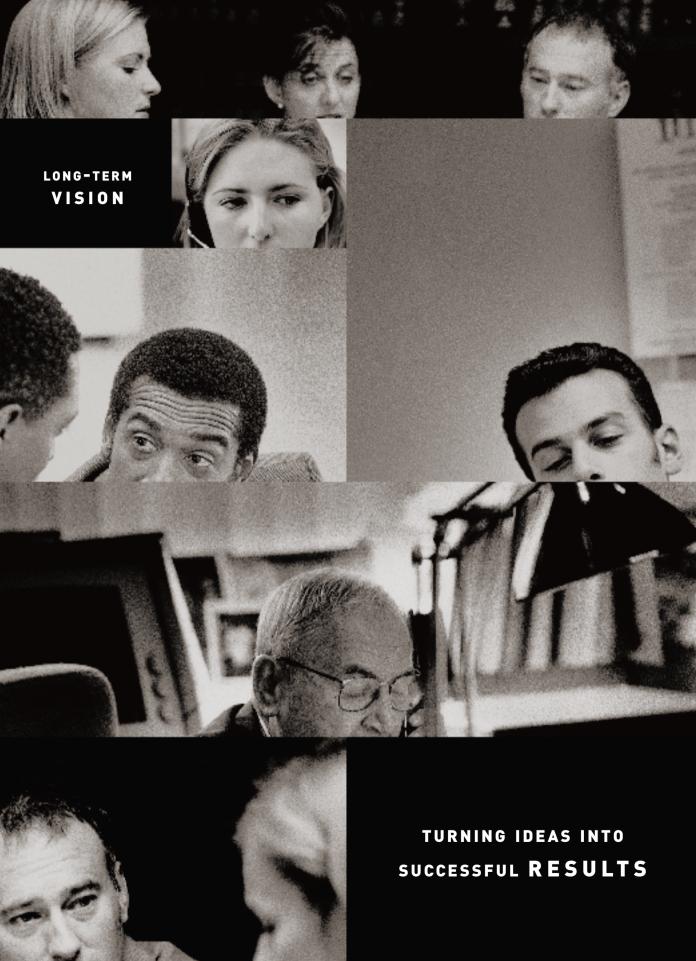
TO BE THE FINANCIAL SERVICES ADVISOR AND PROVIDER OF CHOICE IN EACH COMMUNITY WE SERVE.

OUR MISSION

TO PROVIDE QUALITY FINANCIAL SERVICES AND ADVICE BY:

- UNDERSTANDING, THEN MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR CLIENTS
- PROVIDING OPTIMUM RETURN TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS
- CREATING SECURITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR EMPLOYEES
- BEING GOOD CITIZENS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE AND OUR ONGOING MISSION ARE THE CATALYSTS FOR OUR PLANNING, TEAMWORK AND ACTIVITY, CREATING POSITIVE RESULTS FOR OUR CLIENTS AND SHAREHOLDERS.



PLANNING

Two years ago, we adopted a strategic plan with defined goals: to rise to the top quartile of our peer banking group and to increase shareholder value by improving performance throughout our organization. To do this, we would boost profit margins, increase efficiency and expand into new markets with proven profit potential.

We understood that such an undertaking would be difficult, especially with so many areas targeted for fast-track action.

In response, we created an Implementation Team to monitor our progress on every front. This team comprises a

series of sub-teams, each charged with responsibility for a targeted area.

The responsibility for each initiative undertaken is then assigned to a team member who reports periodically on its progress.

TEAMWORK

In 2002, we continued demonstrating our dedication to teamwork, which is absolutely essential if we are to exceed the expectations of our clients and shareholders. We remained focused on delivering consistent, high quality service to our clients.

Outstanding individual performance is a necessary part of teamwork. In recognition of this, we've introduced our Key Award which is presented quarterly to individuals for outstanding performance. These recipients embody Peoples' dedication to excellence, both at the service level and through innovation behind the scenes. We recently adopted a system-wide initiative called "Closing the Gap" to help our employees translate goals for their areas of responsibility into daily action. And because we are intent upon creating leaders, we've continued intensive staff training at every level, from executive managers to front-line bankers.

To increase the involvement and contributions of our community banks in our overall corporate strategy, we've created a task force of community bank presidents.

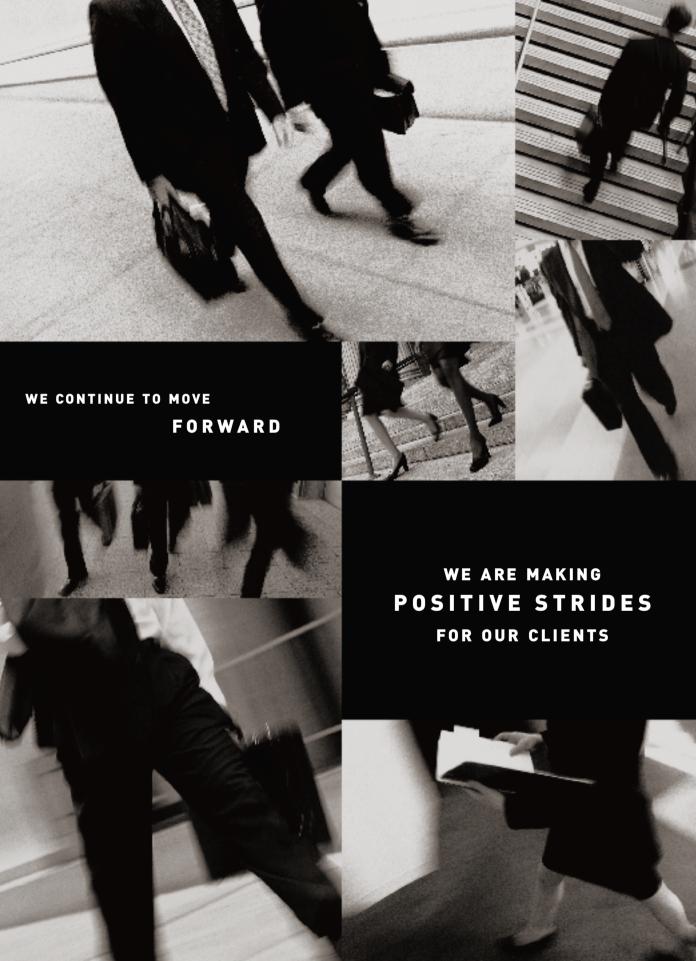
Every major change proposed by the main office goes to the committee first, giving bank leaders the opportunity to contribute to decisions affecting their operations. And we introduced a "Beyond the Boardroom" initiative to provide community bank boards with information on local issues and needs.

Today, each community bank and business unit writes and presents its own plan allowing every division to contribute information and ideas. In addition, these areas have significantly more control over their own operations. Our incentive program rewards each business unit with primary emphasis on the performance of its area.

OUR TEAM
IS OUR
STRENGTH



IT TAKES A TEAM
TO EFFECT CHANGE



ACTIVITY

In the past year, our bank improved and expanded its services to target markets.

One major achievement was the grand opening of a new branch in Corinth's new retail and commercial district. This full-service bank will give Peoples a better opportunity to serve this growing area. We also began building two additional locations, a full-service branch in Pontotoc and a new community bank in Horn Lake. The Pontotoc branch will increase our presence in that city, improving our access to services in its growing commercial/industrial section.

Our new community bank in Horn Lake will supplement our existing banks in Southaven, Hernando and Olive Branch. This will position Peoples to better serve residents and businesses of growing DeSoto County, which saw new capital investment of close to \$106 million and the creation of 1,759 new industrial jobs in 2002.

Last year, we laid the groundwork for a new financial services center in Tupelo for 2003. Located in the newly developed Fair Park area, the center will offer numerous wealth management services and allow our clients to benefit from the expertise of a certified public accountant, certified financial planner and have access to insurance professionals and lenders.

We implemented a new system to streamline the loan origination process. We upgraded our Internet banking services and soon will offer customers electronic access to their check images. We also continued to integrate our insurance agency, through cross-selling commercial and personal lines insurance to our

banking clients and opening new banking relationships with our insurance clients.

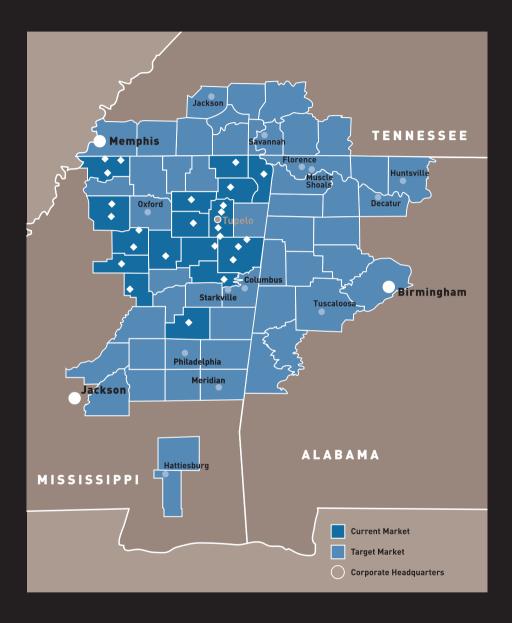
To improve our profitability and control expenses, we had to make many changes in our daily operations.

We increased our share of each customer's financial business by targeting underserved clients for the sale of additional products and services, and by attracting more affluent clients through wealth management services and a variety of carefully chosen insurance products. We modified our activities in existing markets in response to changes in local economies, and we identified promising new markets for future expansion.

In doing this, we generated increased profits through fees from loan and mortgage origination, our HandyCheck® debit card, commissions on the sale of insurance and investment products and leasing income. We expanded our net interest margin by reallocating our investment portfolio, employing loan-risk based pricing tools and responding swiftly to federal interest rate reductions on our deposits. We also used the Federal Home Loan Bank Advance program to lock in rates on long-term loans, protecting our margin against future interest rate increases.

To slow expense growth, we actively promoted automatic loan drafts, Internet banking and increased debit card transactions. We addressed loan quality by using advanced credit scoring and credit analysis and by centralizing collections and foreclosure activities. We also made staffing changes to increase our efficiency during peak banking hours and reduce teller numbers during slower periods.

PLAN FOR GROWTH



The Peoples Bank growth strategy includes acquiring banks with quality management teams located in strong demographic markets. Those markets include areas of northwestern Alabama, southwestern Tennessee and north-central, central and south-central Mississippi.

SUCCESSFUL RESULTS FROM THE STRATEGIC

PLAN HAVE CONTINUED THROUGH 2002.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED TWO YEARS OF RECORD

EARNINGS. STOCK VALUE HAS RISEN

AGAIN THIS YEAR. CREDIT QUALITY HAS IMPROVED.

NONINTEREST INCOME HAS INCREASED

SIGNIFICANTLY. LOANS AND DEPOSITS HAVE

SHOWN CONSISTENT GROWTH.

RESULTS

We committed to improve our bank's performance and increase shareholder value... and we are succeeding.

Since adopting our strategic plan in late 2000, our return on assets has improved to 1.35 percent* for 2002.

Similarly, our return on average equity rose to 13.87 percent* for the same period.

Noninterest income has risen 48.10 percent since 2000. During this same timeframe, our net interest margin has improved to 4.66 percent.

Most important for our investors, the changes we have made resulted in Peoples' earnings per share rising 72.13 percent from \$1.83 to \$3.15* in two short years.

^{*} Before Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands)				
	D	ecember 31, 2002	2001	2000
ASSETS				
Cash	\$	58,741	\$ 71,412	\$ 56,817
Securities and Time Deposits	\$	344,781	\$ 277,293	\$ 278,574
Net Loans	\$	851,105	\$ 816,342	\$ 805,318
Other Assets	\$	89,885	\$ 89,680	\$ 71,231
Total Assets	\$	1,344,512	\$ 1,254,727	\$ 1,211,940
LIABILITIES				
Deposits	\$	1,099,048	\$ 1,063,055	\$ 1,046,605
Borrowed Funds	\$	91,806	\$ 47,326	\$ 24,549
Other Liabilities	\$	20,880	\$ 20,764	\$ 19,125

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(in thousands)					
	De	cember 31, 2002	2001	2000	1999
Interest Income	\$	78,418	\$ 87,766	\$ 89,434	\$ 83,500
Interest Expense	\$	26,525	\$ 40,922	\$ 44,132	\$ 37,342
Net Interest Income	\$	51,893	\$ 46,844	\$ 45,302	\$ 46,158
Provision for Loan Losses	\$	4,350	\$ 4,790	\$ 6,373	\$ 3,192
Noninterest Income	\$	27,442	\$ 24,389	\$ 18,529	\$ 19,476 *
Noninterest Expense	\$	50,496	\$ 46,747	\$ 42,474	\$ 41,480
Income Before Taxes	\$	24,489	\$ 19,696	\$ 14,984	\$ 20,962 *
Income Taxes	\$	6,819	\$ 5,109	\$ 3,800	\$ 6,182 3
Income Before Cumulative					
Effect of Accounting Change	\$	17,670	\$ 14,587	\$ 11,184	\$ 14,780 *
Cumulative Effect of		_			
Accounting Change	\$	(1,300)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net Income	\$	16,370	\$ 14,587	\$ 11,184	\$ 14,780 *

1,131,145

\$ 1,254,727

123,582

1,090,279

\$ 1,211,940

121,661

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EARNINGS PER SHARE

(basic and diluted)

Total Liabilities Shareholders' Equity

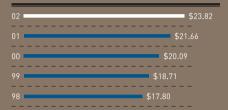
Total Liabilities and

Shareholders' Equity

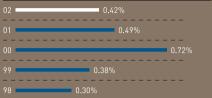
Income Before Cumulative Effect				
of Accounting Change	\$ 3.15	\$ 2.48	\$ 1.83	\$ 2.38 *
Cumulative Effect				
of Accounting Change	\$ (0.23)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Earnings Per Share (basic and diluted)	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.48	\$ 1.83	\$ 2.38 *

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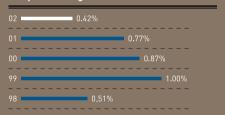
Book Value Per Share



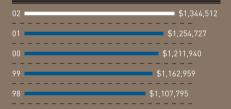
Net Charge-offs to Average Loans



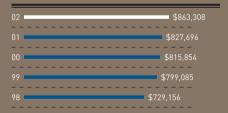
Nonperforming Loans to Total Loans



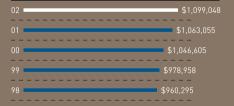
Assets (in thousands)



Loans, Net of Unearned Income (in thousands)



Deposits (in thousands)



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LEONARD W. WALDEN

Mr. Walden was elected to the Board of Directors of The Peoples Bank & Trust Company and The Peoples Holding Company on March 11, 1982, and served until his retirement on April 15, 1996. He was a Director Emeritus at the time of his death on December 7, 2002. He served the Company and the Bank with honor and integrity, always exercising sound business judgment and common sense in attending to the affairs of the shareholders of our Companies.

HARRY H. SUNDERLAND, JR.

Harry H. Sunderland, Jr., our good friend and associate, was Community Bank
President of our bank in Water Valley at the time of his death on July 26, 2002.
Harry served our bank long and well since being employed on August 1, 1977. He was highly regarded in the banking industry.
We will miss his enthusiastic friendship.

CORPORATE AND SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

THE PEOPLES BANK & TRUST COMPANY 209 Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Tel: (662) 680-1001 Fax: (662) 680-1234 www.thepeoplesbankandtrust.com ANNUAL MEETING The Peoples Holding Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at 2:00 p.m., CDT, Tuesday, April 15, 2003, in the Fourth Floor Training Room at 209 Troy Street, Tupelo, MS. FINANCIAL INFORMATION Analysts and investors seeking financial information about The Peoples Holding Company may contact Stuart R. Johnson, Chief Financial Officer. STOCK LISTING The Peoples Holding Company common stock is traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol PHC. STOCK TRANSFER AGENT Registrar and Transfer Company 10 Commerce Drive Cranford, NJ 07016-3572 FINANCIAL PUBLICATIONS Additional copies of the Company's Annual Report, Form 10-K, quarterly reports and other corporate publications are available on request by contacting the Chief Financial Officer. INDEPENDENT AUDITORS Ernst & Young LLP 2400 One Commerce Square

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