MERCANTILE BANK CORP

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1 Title of

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GARDNER JEFF A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MERCANTILE BANK CORP

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

[MBWM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2015

Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION, 310 LEONARD STREET

(First)

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

(Zip)

(Middle)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities | | | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|-------|-------|------------------|--------------|---|
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | nAcquired (A) or | | | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | Disposed | of (D |) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | * ' | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (A) | | Reported | | |
| | | | | | or | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common | | | Couc , | 7 IIIIO GIII | (2) | 11100 | | | |
| | 01/02/2015 | | A | 313 | A | \$0 | 11,811 | D | |
| Stock | | | | | | | | | |
| Common | | | | | | | | | by Keift & |
| Stock | | | | | | | 2,612 | I | Gardner |
| Stock | | | | | | | | | Gardiei |
| | | | | | | | | | by |
| Common | | | | | | | | | Marshall |
| Stock | | | | | | | 9,999 | I | Gardner |
| Stock | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Trust |
| Common | | | | | | | 19,000 | I | by Norma |
| | | | | | | | - , | | , |

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| Stock | | | Gardner Trust |
|-----------------|--------|---|------------------|
| Common Stock | 47,252 | I | by Trust |
| Common Stock | 11,500 | I | by IRA |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transacti | 5. onNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | ate | 7. Title Amou | nt of | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------|
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underl | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | • | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | C |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number | | |
| | | | | | | LACICISAUIC | Date | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GARDNER JEFF A C/O MERCANTILE BANK CORPORATION 310 LEONARD STREET GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504

Signatures

/s/ Bradley J. Wyatt, Attorney-in-Fact 01/06/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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