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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

[ ] Check this box if no longer subject of Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5  
 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Halsey, Thomas

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 (Last) (First) (Middle)

513 Deerfield Rd.

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 (Street)

Watermill, NY 11976

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 (City) (State) (Zip)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Bridge Bancorp, Inc. BDGE

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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Year

12/98

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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/11/98	P	100 shs.	A	\$24.00	100	I	Wife-Cede
Common Stock	09/25/98	P	50 shs.	A	\$22.00	17,198	I	Wife
Common Stock		P	50 shs.	A	\$22.00	50	I	Son-Cede
Common Stock						2,700	I	Son

Common Stock	24,822	D	Self
Common Stock	135	D	Self IRA
Common Stock	135	I	Wife IRA
Common Stock	2,115	I	Daughter

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

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. Conver- sion of Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End Month of (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Thomas Halsey

10/2/98

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.  
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.