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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

Maran, R. Timothy

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 (Last) (First) (Middle)

319 Cobb 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

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	08/31/98	S	15,618 shs.	D	\$22.33	1,059*	D	
Common Stock	08/31/98	S	3,357 shs.	D	\$22.33	0*	I	Wife
Common Stock						5,835*	I	Son
Common Stock						10,800*	I	Meshutt-

Common Stock	14,436*	I	RT Maran Trust-Cede
Common Stock	13,572*	I	Self-Cede
Common Stock	6,948*	I	Wife-Cede

\* Amount reflects a 3 for 1 stock split record date 8/19/98

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



