

SMITH HAROLD B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SMITH HAROLD B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 GRAINGER PARKWAY

(Street)

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GRAINGER W W INC [GWW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/01/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	12,540	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	8,000	I	See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>

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)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Units	(2)	12/01/2004		A	20	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	20 \$ 6
Stock Option	\$ 37.25					04/30/2000	04/29/2007	Common Stock	2,200
Stock Option	\$ 51.6875					04/29/2001	04/28/2008	Common Stock	1,460
Stock Option	\$ 48.625					04/28/1999	04/27/2009	Common Stock	1,860
Stock Option	\$ 43.5					04/26/2000	04/25/2010	Common Stock	2,070
Stock Option	\$ 37.5					04/25/2001	04/24/2011	Common Stock	2,400
Stock Option	\$ 54.61					04/24/2002	04/23/2012	Common Stock	1,650
Stock Option	\$ 45.5					04/30/2003	04/29/2013	Common Stock	1,980
Stock Option	\$ 54.14					04/28/2004	04/27/2014	Common Stock	1,670

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH HAROLD B 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201	X			

## Signatures

L. M. Trusdell, as attorney-in-fact  
12/01/2004

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Shares held by a trust of which I am a co-trustee and in which I have a contingent beneficial interest.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) The Stock Units are expected to settle in cash following termination of service as a director.

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