#### JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND

Form N-Q

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

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-21131

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

101 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02199 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Susan S. Newton, Secretary 101 Huntington Avenue Boston, Massachusetts 02199 (Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-375-1702

Date of fiscal year end: July 31

Date of reporting period: October 31, 2004

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

JOHN HANCOCK
Preferred Income Fund

10.31.2004

Quarterly Portfolio Holdings

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John Hancock Preferred Income Fund Securities owned by the Fund on October 31, 2004 (unaudited)

Interest Maturity
rate (%) date

8.250	06-15-2005	BBB
6.200	07-01-2033	BBB- BBB BB-
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		В
		BB+ BB+
		BBB-
		A-
	6.500 6.200 11.750	6.500 05-15-2013 6.200 07-01-2033

Preferred stocks 82.84%

(Cost \$732,185,595) Agricultural Products 1.18% Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25%, Ser A (S) BB+ Asset Management & Custody Banks 0.11% BNY Capital V, 5.95%, Ser F A-Automobile Manufacturers 2.66% Ford Motor Co., 7.50% BBB-General Motors Corp., 7.25%, Ser 4-15-41 BBB-General Motors Corp., 7.25%, Ser 7-15-41 BBB-General Motors Corp., 7.25%, Ser 2-15-52 BBB-General Motors Corp., 7.375%, Ser 05-15-48 Baa2 General Motors Corp., 7.375%, Ser 10-01-51 Baa2 Broadcasting & Cable TV 2.69% Shaw Communications, Inc., 8.45%, Ser A (Canada) B+ Shaw Communications, Inc., 8.50% (Canada) B+ Consumer Finance 3.18% Ford Motor Credit Co., 7.60% АЗ Household Finance Corp., 6.00% Α Household Finance Corp., 6.875% Α SLM Corp., 6.00% Α Diversified Banks 7.72% BAC Capital Trust IV, 5.875% Α-Bank One Capital Trust V, 8.00% A -Bank One Capital Trust VI, 7.20% Α-Chase Capital VII, 7.00%, Ser G Α1 Comerica Capital Trust I, 7.60% BBB+ Fleet Capital Trust VII, 7.20% A-Fleet Capital Trust VIII, 7.20% A – Royal Bank of Scotland Group Plc, 5.75%, Ser L (United Kingdom) Α USB Capital III, 7.75% A-USB Capital IV, 7.35% A-USB Capital V, 7.25% A-Wachovia Preferred Funding Corp., 7.25%, Ser A BBB+ Wells Fargo Capital Trust IV, 7.00% Wells Fargo Capital Trust VI, 6.95% A -Wells Fargo Capital Trust VII, 5.85% Α Electric Utilities 24.58% Ameren Corp., 9.75%, Conv BBB+ American Electric Power Co., Inc., 9.25%, Conv BBB Boston Edison Co., 4.78% BBB+ Cinergy Corp., 9.50%, Conv Baa2 Detroit Edison Co., 7.375% BBB-Detroit Edison Co., 7.54% BBB-DTE Energy Co., 8.75%, Conv BBB DTE Energy Trust I, 7.80% BBB-Entergy Gulf States Capital I, 8.75%, Ser A BB Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 7.25% A-Enterprise Capital Trust I, 7.44%, Ser A BB+ Enterprise Capital Trust III, 7.25%, Ser C RR+ FPC Capital I, 7.10%, Ser A BB+ FPL Group Capital Trust I, 5.875% BBB+ FPL Group, Inc., 8.00%, Conv A -Georgia Power Capital Trust VII, 5.875% BBB+

Georgia Power Co., 6.00%, Ser R

Great Plains Energy, Inc., 8.00%, Conv

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HECO Capital Trust III, 6.50% (W)		BBB-
Indiana Michigan Power Co., 6.875%		BB+
Interstate Power & Light Co., 8.375%, Ser	В	BBB-
Monongahela Power Co., \$7.73, Ser L		B-
Northern States Power Co., 8.00%		BBB-
Pennsylvania Power Co., 7.75%		BB
Puget Sound Energy Capital Trust II, 8.40%		BB
Southern Co. Capital Trust VI, 7.125% TECO Capital Trust I, 8.50%		BBB+ B
TXU Corp., 8.125%, Conv		Ba1
Virginia Power Capital Trust, 7.375%		BBB
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Gas Utilities 5.47%		
El Paso Tennessee Pipeline Co., 8.25%, Ser	2 A	CCC-
KeySpan Corp., 8.75%, Conv		A
SEMCO Capital Trust I, 10.25%		B-
Southern Union Co., 5.75%, Conv		Baa3
Southwest Gas Capital II, 7.70% TransCanada Pipelines Ltd., 8.25% (Canada)		BB BBB
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Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines 0.24%		
Hilton Hotels Corp., 8.00%		BBB-
Industrial Conglomerates 0.63%		
Grand Metropolitan Delaware, L.P., 9.42%,	Gtd Ser A	BBB+
Integrated Oil & Gas 0.30%		
Coastal Finance I, 8.375%		CCC-
Integrated Telecommunication Services 2.04		
Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., 7.60%, Ser		A-
Verizon New England, Inc., 7.00%, Ser B		Aa3
Investment Banking & Brokerage 4.95%		
Bear Stearns Capital Trust III, 7.80%		BBB
Bear Stearns Cos., Inc. (The), 5.72%, Depo	ositary Shares, Ser F	BBB
Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 5.94%, Dep	oositary Shares, Ser C	BBB+
Merril Lynch & Co., Inc., 9.00%, Depositar	ry Shares, Ser A	A-
Merrill Lynch Preferred Capital Trust III,		A-
Merrill Lynch Preferred Capital Trust IV,		A-
Merrill Lynch Preferred Capital Trust V, 7		A-
Morgan Stanley Capital Trust II, 7.25% Morgan Stanley Capital Trust III, 6.25%		A- A-
Morgan Stanley Capital Trust IV, 6.25%		A-
Morgan Stanley Capital Trust V, 5.75%		A1
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Life & Health Insurance 1.25%		
Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Capita	al I, 7.25%, Ser A	A-
PLC Capital Trust IV, 7.25%		BBB+
PLC Capital Trust V, 6.125%		BBB+
Multi-Line Insurance 1.74%		
ING Groep N.V., 7.05% (Netherlands)		A-
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Multi-Media 0.37%		
Newscorp Overseas Ltd., 8.625%, Ser A (Cay	man Islands)	BB
Multi-Utilities & Unregulated Power 8.40%		
Aquila, Inc., 7.875%		В2
Baltimore Gas & Electric Co., 6.99%, Ser 1	1995	Baa1
BGE Capital Trust II, 6.20%		BBB-
Consumers Energy Co. Financing I, 8.36%		В

Issuer, description  Short-term investments 4.73% (Cost \$43,800,000)	rate (%)	Maturity date	
	rate (%)	date	rating
Wireless Telecommunication Services 0.31% United States Cellular, 7.50%			A-
Thrifts & Mortgage Finance 1.23% Abbey National Plc, 7.25% (United Kingdom) Abbey National Plc, 7.375% (United Kingdom)			A- A-
Regional Banks 0.37% National Commerce Capital Trust II, 7.70% Regions Financing Trust I, 8.00%			A- BBB+
Real Estate Investment Trusts 4.21%  Duke Realty Corp., 6.50%, Depositary Shares, Ser K  Duke Realty Corp., 6.625%, Depositary Shares, Ser J  Duke Realty Corp., 7.99%, Depositary Shares, Ser B  Public Storage, Inc., 6.45%, Depositary Shares, Ser X  Public Storage, Inc., 6.50%, Depositary Shares, Ser W  Public Storage, Inc., 7.50%, Depositary Shares, Ser V  Public Storage, Inc., 8.00%, Depositary Shares, Ser R  Public Storage, Inc., 8.60%, Depositary Shares, Ser Q			BBB BBB BBB+ BBB+ BBB+ BBB+
Other Diversified Financial Services 6.76% ABN AMRO Capital Funding Trust V, 5.90% ABN AMRO Capital Funding Trust VII, 6.08% Citigroup Capital VII, 7.125% Citigroup Capital VIII, 6.95% Citigroup Capital IX, 6.00% Citigroup Capital X, 6.10% General Electric Capital Corp., 5.875% General Electric Capital Corp., 6.10% J.P. Morgan Chase Capital IX, 7.50%, Ser I J.P. Morgan Chase Capital XI, 5.875%, Ser K			A A A A A AAA AAA A- A1 A-
Oil & Gas Exploration & Production 2.45% Nexen, Inc., 7.35% (Canada)			BB+
Consumers Energy Co. Financing II, 8.20% Consumers Energy Co. Financing III, 9.25% Consumers Energy Co. Financing IV, 9.00% Dominion CNG Capital Trust I, 7.80% Dominion Resources, Inc., 9.50%, Conv Energy East Capital Trust I, 8.25% ONEOK, Inc., 8.50%, Conv PSEG Funding Trust II, 8.75% Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 4.18%, Ser B Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc., 10.25%, Conv			B B Ba2 BBB- BBB+ BBB- BBB+ BB+ BB+ BB+

Total investments 100.00%

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Footnotes to Schedule of Investments
October 31, 2004 (unaudited)

- (A) Credit ratings are unaudited and are rated by Moody's Investors Service where Standard & Poor's ratings are not available.
- (S) This security is exempt from registration under rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such securities may be resold, normally to qualified institutional buyers, in transactions exempt from registration. Rule 144A securities amounted to \$10,903,750 or 1.67% of the Fund's total investments as of October 31, 2004.
- (W) Issuer is an affiliate of John Hancock Advisers, LLC.

Parenthetical disclosure of a foreign country in the security description represents country of a foreign issuer; however, security is U.S. dollar-denominated.

The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of the total investments of the Fund.

The cost of investments owned on October 31, 2004, including short-term investments, was \$882,741,440. Gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments aggregated \$51,684,249 and \$8,073,841, respectively, resulting in net unrealized appreciation of \$43,610,408.

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund Transactions in securities of affiliated issuers October 31, 2004 (unaudited)

Affiliated issuers, as defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, are those in which the Fund's holdings of an issuer represent 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer. A summary of the Fund's transactions in the securities of these issuers during the period ended October 31, 2004, is set forth below.

Affiliate	Beginning share amount	Ending share amount	Realized gain (loss)	Dividend income
HECO Capital Trust III, 6.50% bought: 88,000, sold: none	147,300	235,300		59 <b>,</b> 841
Totals			\$	\$59,841

For more information

Trustees

Charles L. Ladner, Chairman\*
James F. Carlin
William H. Cunningham
Ronald R. Dion
Dr. John A. Moore\*
Patti McGill Peterson\*
Steven R. Pruchansky
James A. Shepherdson
Lt. Gen. Norman H. Smith, USMC (Ret.)
John P. Toolan\*
\*Members of the Audit Committee

#### Officers

James A. Shepherdson
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Susan S. Newton
Senior Vice President and Secretary
William H. King
Vice President and Treasurer

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This report is for the information of the shareholders of the John Hancock Preferred Income Fund.

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#### ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Based upon their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as conducted within 90 days of the filing date of this Form N-Q, the registrant's principal executive officer and principal accounting officer have concluded that those disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that the material information required to be disclosed by the registrant on this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Separate certifications for the registrant's principal executive officer and principal accounting officer, as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund

By: James A. Shepherdson

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: December 21, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By:

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James A. Shepherdson President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: December 21, 2004

By:

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William H. King

Vice President and Treasurer

Date: December 21, 2004