

HOCKEMEYER REX A
Form 4
November 10, 2004

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP
/OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
8366 MEADOWLARK DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/09/2004

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

WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

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
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/09/2004		S	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 2,000 D \$ 17.57	8,214	D	
Common Stock					1,019.5135	I	401K
Common Stock					16,300	I	Restricted Stock Award(s)

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 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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr.	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
1997 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 11.1355							01/28/1998	01/28/2007	Common Stock	698
1998 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 19.087							01/27/1999	01/27/2008	Common Stock	2,541
1999 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 22.565							01/25/2000	01/25/2009	Common Stock	1,155
2000 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.56							01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	5,694
2000 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.56							01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	7,798
2001 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124							01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	6,244
2001 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124							01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	1,631

2002 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.2	01/17/2003	01/17/2012	Common Stock	5,000
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.58	01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock	5,000
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.09	01/21/2005	01/21/2014	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOCKEMEYER REX A 8366 MEADOWLARK DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069			Executive Officer	

Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel 11/10/2004

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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