HOCKEMEYER REX A
Form 4/A
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOCKEMEYER REX A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8366 MEADOWLARK DRIVE

(Street)

WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/31/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2005

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/31/2005		J(1)		163	A	$ 0	12,501	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2005		J(2)		667	D	$ 0	11,834	D	
Common Stock								1,368.0035	I	401K
Common Stock								8,620	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. Pric 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	$ 16.0124							01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common	1,631	

(NQ) Stock Option					Stock	
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	01/31/2005
**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).

(2) Correction of Shares Vested 01/17/05 sold to pay taxes

(1) Correction of restricted shares vested 01/22/05 (+92) and 01/24/05 (+71)

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