

HOCKEMEYER REX A

Form 4

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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOCKEMEYER REX A2. 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)
01/21/2005☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
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)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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 (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)
Common Stock	01/21/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	624 A \$ 0	9,944	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	1,199 A \$ 0	11,143	D	
Common Stock	01/22/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	1,141 A \$ 0	12,284	D	
Common Stock	01/24/2005		J ⁽¹⁾	721 A \$ 0	13,005	D	
Common Stock	01/24/2005		J ⁽²⁾	348.49 A \$ 0	1,368.0035	I	401K

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Common Stock	01/21/2005	J ⁽³⁾	1,000	D	\$ 0	13,527	I	Restricted Stock Award(s)
Common Stock	01/22/2005	J ⁽³⁾	1,923	D	\$ 0	11,604	I	Restricted Stock Award(s)
Common Stock	01/22/2005	J ⁽³⁾	1,829	D	\$ 0	9,775	I	Restricted Stock Award(s)
Common Stock	01/24/2005	J ⁽³⁾	1,155	D	\$ 0	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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				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	\$ 22.565					01/25/2000	01/25/2009	Common Stock	1,155	

Option						
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	01/25/2005
**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).

(1) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award (less shares sold to cover taxes)

(3) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award

(2) Annual update per statement

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