

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
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FORM 4

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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 *
HALL J FRANKLIN

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)
201 E. FOURTH STREET, SUITE 2000

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/24/2010

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

(Street)
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/26/2010		A	9,400 A \$ 20.42	28,211	I	Restricted Stock Awards
Common Stock	04/24/2010		D	725 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 20.42	27,486	I	Restricted Stock Awards
Common Stock	04/24/2010		A	448 ⁽²⁾ A \$ 20.42	14,892	D	
Common Stock					1,301.72	I	401-k

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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
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	1,078
2001 (ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.0124					01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	5,250
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	6,031
2003 (NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.58					01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock	3,969
	\$ 17.09					01/21/2005	01/21/2014		2,500

Year	Option Type	Exercise Price	Grant Date	Expiration Date	Common Stock	Quantity
2004	(ISO) Stock Option				Common Stock	
2005	(ISO) Stock Option	\$ 17.51	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711
2005	(NQ) Stock Option	\$ 17.51	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	8,589
2006	(ISO) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	6,242
2006	(NQ) Stock Option	\$ 16.02	04/24/2007	04/24/2016	Common Stock	11,058
2007	(ISO) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	6,711
2007	(NQ) Stock Option	\$ 14.9	04/30/2008	04/30/2017	Common Stock	12,489
2007	(NQ) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	43,909
2008	(ISO) Stock Option	\$ 11.64	02/14/2009	02/14/2018	Common Stock	8,591

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HALL J FRANKLIN 201 E. FOURTH STREET SUITE 2000 CINCINNATI, OH 45202			EVP & CFO	

Signatures

/s/Terri J
Ziepfel, POA

04/28/2010

__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
- (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares used to cover taxes

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