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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) April 4, 2014

PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 000-20908

Kentucky
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation organization)

61-1206757 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2883 Fifth Avenue Huntington, West Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)

25702 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (304) 525-1600

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changes since last report)

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PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC,

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On April 7, 2014, Premier Financial Bancorp, Inc. ("Premier") issued a press release announcing the completion of its acquisition of the Bank of Gassaway ("Gassaway") effective with the close of business on April 4, 2014. Gassaway, a \$172 million bank (as of December 31, 2013) headquartered in Gassaway, West Virginia, was purchased by Premier Bank, Inc., Premier's wholly owned bank subsidiary, for \$20.25 million cash under terms of an amended and restated agreement of merger dated January 3, 2014. As a cash purchase, the earnings from the Bank of Gassaway locations will become immediately accretive to Premier's earnings.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit 99.1 - Press Release dated April 7, 2014.

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

PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. (Registrant)

/s/ Brien M. Chase Date: April 8, 2014 and Chief Financial Officer

Brien M. Chase, Senior Vice President

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number 99.1

Description
Press Release dated April 7, 2014
captioned "Premier Financial Bancorp, Inc.
Announces Completion of Bank of
Gassaway Acquisition."