

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)
1309 PAXTON AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/18/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Principal Accounting Officer

CINCINNATI, OH 45208
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
04/20/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 3,347 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 760.9996 | I | 401-K |
| Common Stock | | | | | 9,731 | I | Restricted Stock Awards |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | 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 |
| 2004 (ISO) Stock Option | \$ 17.09 | | | | | 01/21/2005 01/21/2014 | Common Stock 2,500 |
| | \$ 17.51 | 04/18/2005 | | A | | 04/18/2006 ⁽²⁾ 04/18/2015 | 5,711 |

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|----------------------------------|----------|------------|--|---|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| 2005 (ISO) Stock Option | | | | | 5,711 <u>(1)</u> | | | Common Stock | |
| 2005 (NQ) Sock Option | \$ 17.51 | 04/18/2005 | | A | 8,589 <u>(1)</u> | 04/18/2006 ⁽²⁾ | 04/18/2015 | Common Stock | 8,589 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HALL J FRANKLIN 1309 PAXTON AVENUE CINCINNATI, OH 45208 | | | Principal Accounting Officer | |

Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel 05/17/2005
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) 25% per year for 4 years
- (1) Correction of ISO/NQ Breakdown

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