

SHAY MICHAEL D
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SHAY MICHAEL D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP
 [TMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, PO BOX 460

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

ITHACA, NY 14851

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock Drip	03/06/2008	^	L	87	A	\$ 43.1352	2,190	I	By Rabbi Trust
Common Stock Drip	04/01/2008	^	L	121	A	\$ 50.7103	2,311	I	By Rabbi Trust
Common Stock Drip	07/01/2008	^	L	144	A	\$ 37.7891	2,455	I	By Rabbi Trust
	10/01/2008	^	L	110	A		2,565	I	

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Common Stock Drip						\$				By Rabbi Trust
						49,5498				
Common Stock Drip	11/14/2008	Â	L	70	A	\$ (1)	2,635	I		By Rabbi Trust
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	8,762	D		Â

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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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION
PO BOX 460
ITHACA, NY 14851

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Signatures

/s/ Michael D. Shay

02/11/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares acquired through reinvestment of quarterly cash dividends.

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