

HOCKEMEYER REX A
Form 4
January 23, 2003

- 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Hockemeyer, Rex A.
 8366 Meadowlark Drive
 West Chester, OH 45069
- 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
 303-58-2339
- 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
 01/22/2003
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Executive Officer
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A.Execu- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code +-----+ Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) +-----+ Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow +-----+ Report Transa
Common Stock	01/22/2003		J	1096 A \$0.0000	3988