

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

January 22, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Hall, J. Franklin
9850 Regetta Drive #301
Cincinnati, OH 45252
USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
273-68-2948
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
01/17/2003
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)
Principal Accounting 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	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code V Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Report Transa
Common Stock	01/17/2003		J	872 A \$0.0000	1412