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Form 3

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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*]

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(Last)　(First)　(Middle)

300 HIGH STREET
(Street)

HAMILTON,Â OHÂ 45011

(City)　(State)　(Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

12/16/2005 | 3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC] | |
| | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer _____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
EVP & CCO | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	16,871	D	Â
Common Stock	1,420.74 [(1)]	I	401-K
Preferred Stock	12,007	I	Restricted

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
1999 (ISO) Stock Option	01/25/2000	01/25/2009	Common Stock	4,043	$ 22.565	D	Â
2000 (ISO) Stock Option	01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	5,694	$ 17.56	D	Â
2000 (NQ) Stock Option	01/24/2001	01/24/2010	Common Stock	8,481	$ 17.56	D	Â
2001 (ISO) Stock Option	01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	6,244	$ 16.0124	D	Â
2001 (NQ) Stock Option	01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	1,631	$ 16.0124	D	Â
2002 (ISO) Stock Option	01/12/2003	01/17/2012	Common Stock	5,000	$ 17.2	D	Â
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	01/22/2004	01/22/2013	Common Stock	5,000	$ 16.58	D	Â
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	01/21/2005	01/21/2014	Common Stock	2,500	$ 17.09	D	Â
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,711	$ 17.51	D	Â
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	4,889	$ 17.51	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
harvey david s 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON,Â OHÂ 45011	Â	Â	Â EVP & CCO	Â

Signatures

terri j ziepfel	12/20/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) As of 09/30/05

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Explanation of Responses: