

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC  
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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 \*  
WYCKOFF JAMES H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/01/2005

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

220 LIBERTY STREET

(Street)

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

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

WARSAW, NY 14569

(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Class B Preferred Stock	05/16/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V 7,823 D <u>(1)</u> 0		I	Held as trustee.
Common Stock	06/01/2005		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V 63,724 A <u>(2)</u> 290,010		D	
Common Stock	05/01/2005		J <sup>(3)</sup>	V 70,800 D <u>(3)</u> 552,570		I	Held as trustee.
Common Stock	05/18/2005		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V 62,270 D <u>(1)</u> 490,300		I	Held as trustee.
Common Stock	06/01/2005		J <sup>(4)</sup>	V 350,800 D <u>(4)</u> 139,500		I	Held as trustee.

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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)

Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for WYCKOFF JAMES H, 220 LIBERTY STREET, WARSAW, NY 14569, with a checkmark in the 10% Owner column.

Signatures

Michael D. Grover for James H. Wyckoff, 06/17/2005. Includes legend for Signature and Date.

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).
(1) Transfer of shares from Estate to Wyckoff Family Foundation.
(2) Recipient of shares distributed from trust.
(3) Resigned as trustee from relative's generation skipping trusts
(4) Distribution of shares managed under a trust.

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