

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 5

March 06, 2003

- 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Posey, Steven C.
 McDonald's Office
 1733 S. Breiel
 Middletown, OH 45044
- 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
 289-42-9794
- 4. Statement for Month/Year
 12/2000
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
- 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- tion Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Yea
Common Stock					1594
Common Stock					1716
Common Stock	11/21/2000	03/05/2003	J 4		