

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
Form 8-K  
July 31, 2014

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 30, 2014

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

31-1042001  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification number)

Commission file number: 001-34762

255 East Fifth Street, Suite 700, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (877) 322-9530

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 29, 2014, First Financial Bancorp (the “Company”) announced that it had entered into an Agreement of Merger with Guernsey Bancorp Inc. (“Guernsey”) and Robert Patrella, the sole shareholder of Guernsey. On July 30, 2014, the Company received notice from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the “Comptroller”) that the transaction has been approved by the Comptroller. The Company expects that the transaction will be consummated in August 2014.

The Agreement of Merger among Company, Guernsey and Robert Patrella was filed as an exhibit to a Form 8-K filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on May 2, 2014.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

By: /s/ Anthony M. Stollings  
Anthony M. Stollings  
Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative  
Officer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 31, 2014