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WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 15-12G  
August 16, 2005

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

FORM 15

CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS  
UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

Commission File Number: 000-21923

Commission File Number: 000-21

WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of co-registrant as specified in its charter)

WINTRUST CAPITAL TRUST  
(Exact name of co-registrant as specified in its certificate of trust)

727 NORTH BANK LANE  
LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS 60045-1951  
(847) 615-4096

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of co-registrant's principal  
executive offices)

727 NORTH BANK LANE  
LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS 60045  
(847) 615-4096

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of co-registrant's principal  
executive offices)

10.50% CUMULATIVE TRUST PREFERRED SECURITIES  
(AND THE GUARANTEE WITH RESPECT THERETO)  
OF WINTRUST CAPITAL TRUST II

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(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE PER SHARE, OF WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
9.0% CUMULATIVE TRUST PREFERRED SECURITIES (AND GUARANTEE WITH RESPECT THERETO)  
OF WINTRUST CAPITAL TRUST I

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(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty  
to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule  
provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

|                      |                                     |                      |                          |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(i)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(ii) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(i)  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(i)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(ii) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(ii) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                      |                                     | Rule 15d-6           | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or  
notice date: NONE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Wintrust Financial Corporation and Wintrust Capital Trust II have each caused  
this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly  
authorized person.

Date: August 16, 2005

By: /s/ David A. Dykstra

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Name: David A. Dykstra  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer of Wintrust Financial  
Corporation, and Administrative Trustee of  
Wintrust Capital Trust II