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Form 4

October 09, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Thatcher, Perry D.
7 Gardner Place
Middletown, OH 45042
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
269-26-4883
4. Statement for Month/Year
10/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/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)	3. Trans- action Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amou Secu Bene Owe End Mont
		Code	Amount	A/D	Price	
Common Stock						5163
Common Stock						5613
Common Stock						151,496
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	10/07/2002	P	140	A	\$18.2500	2102

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Deriv- ative Security	3. Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	4. Transac- tion Code V	5. Acquired (A) Disposed (D) (A) (D)	6. Number of Derivative Securities Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Amount or Number of Shares	8. P D S
1997 (NQ)		\$13.148			04/22/2007	Common	

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Stock Option			Stock
2000 (NQ)	\$16.9048	04/25/2010	Common
Stock Option			Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE

10/07/2002