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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC] wyman jill l (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 300 HIGH STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _ Other Person HAMILTON, OHÂ 45011 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 164 Common Stock 254,177 I 401-K Common Stock 1,850 Ι Restricted Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
2003 (ISO) Stock Option	06/09/2004	06/09/2013	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 16.531	D	Â
2004 (ISO) Stock Option	01/21/2005	01/21/2014	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 17.09	D	Â
2005 (ISO) Stock Option	04/18/2006	04/18/2015	Common Stock	5,600	\$ 17.51	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
r e g e e e	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
wyman jill l 300 HIGH STREET HAMILTON, OH 45011	Â	Â	SVP	Â	

Signatures

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**Signature of Person

**Bignature of Person

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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