

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

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/Day/Year
01/09/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner
() Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) 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- action 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 Report Transa
Common Stock					1594
Common Stock					1716
Common Stock	01/09/2003	03/05/2003	J 4	675 A \$17.0400	6668