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Form 4

April 23, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Alderson, Richard L.
8222 Lesourdsville-West Chester Road
West Chester, OH 45069
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
302-46-4297
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
04/22/2003
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)	2A.Execu- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code V Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Report Transa
Common Stock					677
Common Stock					3950
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)					2440

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

1.	2.	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)	Transac- tion Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exer- cisable (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Amount or Number of Shares
1997 (NQ) Stock	\$12.4623					04/22/2007	Common Stock

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Option 2000 (NQ) Stock	\$16.9048					05/25/2010	Common Stock	
Option 2003 (NQ) Stock	\$15.68	04/22/2 003	A	8663	04/22/2004	04/22/2013	Common Stock	8663
Option								

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE
04/23/2003