

Klein James B
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Klein James B
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STERLING BANCORP [STL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

650 FIFTH AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10019
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	82,866	D (1)	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	9,489	I (2)	by spouse
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	264,902	I (3)	by trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Klein James B 650 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10019	X			

Signatures

James B. Klein 01/31/2013
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares reported as owned by Mr. Klein include 33,488 shares held jointly with his spouse, Mrs. Bonnie Klein.
- (2) Shares reported as owned by Mr. Klein are owned by his spouse, Mrs. Bonnie Klein. Mr. Klein disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) Shares reported as owned by Mr. Klein, as trustee, include: 141,662 shares held in the Jonas P. Klein Marital Trust; 48,229 shares held in the Phyllis Klein 2009 3-Year GRAT; 41,934 shares held in the Phyllis Klein 2009 2-Year GRAT; and 32,477 shares held in the Estate of Phyllis S. Klein. Mr. Klein disclaims beneficial ownership of all of these shares.

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