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FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/
Form 4
March 05, 2003
     1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
       Hall, J. Franklin
        9850 Regetta Drive #301
        Cincinnati, OH 45252
        USA
     2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
        First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
     3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
        273-68-2948
     4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
        01/22/2003 R1
     5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
        01/23/2003
     6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
        () Director () 10% Owner
        (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)
        Principal Accounting Officer
     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- |2A.Execu- |3. Trans-|4. Securities Acquired (A)|5. Amo
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| Date | Date | Code | |Benefi
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| Day/ | Day/ +----+--+---+---+---+----+----+Report
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     Common Stock
                              01/22/2003 J 540 A $0.0000 1952
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