

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
Form 8-K  
August 07, 2014

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 7, 2014

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

31-1042001  
(I.R.S. employer  
identification number)

Commission file number: 000-12379

255 East Fifth Street, Suite 700, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (877) 322-9530

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 18 and December 20, 2013, First Financial Bancorp (the “Company”) announced that it had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with each of The First Bexley Bank and Insight Bank, respectively. On July 23, 2014, the Company received notice from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the “Comptroller”) that both of these transactions have been approved by the Comptroller. Both transactions have been consummated effective August 7, 2014.

The Agreement and Plan of Merger with The First Bexley Bank was filed as an exhibit to a Form 8-K filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on December 23, 2013. The Agreement and Plan of Merger with Insight Bank was filed as an exhibit to a separate Form 8-K filed by the Company with the SEC on December 23, 2013.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release dated August 7, 2014.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

By: /s/ Anthony M. Stollings  
Anthony M. Stollings  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
and Chief Administrative Officer

Date: August 7, 2014

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Description

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Press Release dated August 7, 2014.