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> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

> > FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

22-3803741 United States (State of Incorporation (IRS Employer or Organization) Identification No.)

614 Kearny Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 _____ -----(Zip Code) (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box |_|

securities pursuant to Section 12(9 Exchange Act and is effective pursu General Instruction A. (d), please of following box |X|

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-118815

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class To be so Registered

Name of Each Exchange on Which Each Class is to be Registered

N/A None

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share (Title of class)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered

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Information set forth under the captions "Description of Capital Stock" and "Restrictions on Acquisition of Kearny Financial Corp." contained in a prospectus filed on December 22, 2004 as part of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-118815) is incorporated by reference into this registration statement.

Item 2. Exhibits

- 3(i) Charter of Kearny Financial Corp.*
- 3(ii) Bylaws of Kearny Financial Corp.*
- * Incorporated by reference to the identically numbered exhibits filed in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-118815) filed on September 3, 2004.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

KEARNY FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: December 28, 2004 By: /s/ John N. Hopkins

John N. Hopkins

President and Chief Executive Officer