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Form 4

October 09, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Thatcher, Perry D.
7 Gardner Place
Middletown, OH 45042
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
269-26-4883
4. Statement for Month/Year
10/2002
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)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amou Secu Bene Owe End Mont		
			Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price	
Common Stock								5163
Common Stock								5613
Common Stock								151,496
FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan)	10/07/2002	P			140	A	\$18.2500	2102

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

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Security	tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	tion Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exer- cisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Amount or Number of Shares
1997 (NQ)	\$13.148					04/22/2007	Common

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Stock Option			Stock
2000 (NQ)	\$16.9048	04/25/2010	Common
Stock Option			Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE

10/07/2002