

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4/A

March 06, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Leep, Bruce E.
 3106 Condit
 Highland, IN 46322
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
 307-38-1303
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
 01/06/2003 R1
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
 01/06/2003
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)	2A.Execu- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code +-----+ Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) +-----+ Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Report Transa
Common Stock	01/06/2003	03/06/2003	J	0 D \$0.0000	216442