

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/

Form 4

April 09, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Marcum, Stephen S.
 P.O. Box 747
 Hamilton, OH 45012
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
 275-42-1219
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
 04/08/2003
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)	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					24410
Common Stock	04/08/2003		J	525.0644 A \$0.0000	12654