

ROMAINE STEPHEN S  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ROMAINE STEPHEN S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP  
[TMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 460  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/29/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

ITHACA, NY 14851

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	08/29/2012		M		8,785	A	\$ 29.3 12,966	D	
Common Stock	08/29/2012		F		7,413	D	\$ 38.71 5,553 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock							4,216 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	by 401(k)/ISOP
Common Stock							2,604 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	by ESOP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.3	08/29/2012		M	8,785	<u>(3)</u> 09/30/2012	Common Stock	8,785

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROMAINE STEPHEN S TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 460 ITHACA, NY 14851	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen S. Romaine 08/29/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- Includes 3,300 shares of Restricted Stock granted pursuant to the Tompkins Financial Corporation 2009 Equity Plan. Restricted Stock grants have a seven year vesting schedule with 0% vesting in year one, 17% vesting in years two through six, and 15% vesting in year seven. The grant will expire ten years from the date of the grant.
- (2) Reflects all 401K/ISOP/ESOP allocations and dispositions since the filing of the reporting person's last ownership report.

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(3) The stock option becomes exercisable in four annual installments commencing two years after the date of grant.

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