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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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BOSTON PRIVATE

SQUARE

FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC., TEN POST OFFICE

(Street)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC MacDonald W. Timothy (Month/Day/Year) [BPFH] 01/01/2013 (Middle) (Last) (First) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner __X_ Officer ____ Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP, Chief Risk Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BOSTON, MAÂ 02109

Table I - N	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
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	2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities 3. Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)				

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	05/14/2011(1)	05/14/2020	Common Stock	7,790	\$ 7.94	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	05/13/2012(2)	05/13/2021	Common Stock	7,790	\$ 6.42	D	Â
Performance Shares	05/13/2014	(<u>3)</u>	Common Stock	2,921	\$ 6.42	D	Â
Performance Shares	05/15/2015	(4)	Common Stock	6,721	\$ 9.05	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
		10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MacDonald W. Timothy BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC. TEN POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Â	Â	EVP, Chief Risk Officer	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Margaret W. Chambers, attorney-in-fact for Mr. MacDonald		02/19/20)13			
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				
Explanation of Responses:						
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, <i>see</i> Instruction 5(b)(v).						
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(1) Options yest evenly over three years beginning on May 14 2014						

- (1) Options vest evenly over three years beginning on May 14, 2014
- (2) Options vest evenly over three years beginning on May 13, 2012.
- (3) Performance shares vest based on the Company's performance.
- (4) Performance shares vest based on the Company's performance.

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