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Form 4

October 09, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Bidwell, Martin J.
 3300 Central Avenue
 Middletown, OH 45044
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
 282-58-5303
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 V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amou Secu Bene Owe End Mont
		Code	Amount	A/D	Price	
Common Stock						2136
Common Stock						0
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. Title of Derivative Security	2. Deriv- ative Security	3. Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	4. Transac- tion Code	5. Acquired (A) Disposed (D)	6. Number of Derivative Securities Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title of Underlying Securities Amount or Number of Shares	8. P D S
1999 (NQ) Stock Option	\$20.671				04/27/2009	Common Stock	
2002 (NQ)	\$18.84				04/23/2012	Common	

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Stock Option

Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE
10/07/2002