

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â PURKRABEK KNUST SUSAN L			(Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2005		FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
8340 CAROLINES TRAIL			(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
CINCINNATI, Â OH Â 45242			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)			(specify below)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	525	D <sup>(1)</sup>	Â
Common Stock	1,102	D	Â
Common Stock	1,308.7544	I <sup>(2)</sup>	K.P. Properties

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 (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
2005 (NQ) Sock Option	04/26/2006 04/26/2016	Common Stock	8,663	\$ 17.08	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PURKRABEK KNUST SUSAN L 8340 CAROLINES TRAIL CINCINNATI, OH 45242	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

Terri J. Ziepfel                      04/26/2005  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- (1) Held in Brokerage Account
- (2) Includes shares in dividend reinvestment account

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