

BANTLE ROBERT B
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FORM 5

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 BANTLE ROBERT B

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Exec. Vice President

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

ITHACA, NY 14851

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock - 401k/esop | 12/31/2008 | ^ | L | 382 A \$ ⁽¹⁾ 2,669 | | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ ^ ^ 322 | | D | ^ |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 28.36 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) Â (D) | Â (2) 07/24/2011 | Common Stock | 6,655 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.23 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) Â (D) | Â (2) 09/30/2012 | Common Stock | 7,986 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 39.34 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) Â (D) | Â (2) 05/03/2014 | Common Stock | 5,986 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 42.39 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) Â (D) | Â (3) 01/23/2016 | Common Stock | 7,260 |
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 41 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) Â (D) | Â (3) 11/29/2017 | Common Stock | 3,748 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 39.34 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) Â (D) | Â (2) 05/03/2014 | Common Stock | 4,903 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 42.39 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) Â (D) | Â (3) 01/23/2016 | Common Stock | 3,740 |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 41 | Â | Â | Â | Â (A) Â (D) | Â (3) 11/29/2017 | Common Stock | 6,252 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BANTLE ROBERT B
TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 460
ITHACA, NY 14851

Â Â Â Exec.
Vice Â
President

Signatures

/s/ Robert B. 02/11/2009
Bantle

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- (1) Shares acquired through payroll deferral and reinvestment of quarterly cash dividends.
 - (2) The stock option becomes exercisable in four installments commencing two years after the grant date.
 - (3) The stock option becomes exercisable in six annual installments commencing two years after the date of the grant.

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