

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
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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 *
 Gruseke Christopher R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
 [BWFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., 220 ELM STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/04/2015

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾						40,000	D
Common Stock						5,000	D
Common Stock ⁽²⁾						14,000	D
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	12/04/2015		M	4,509	A	\$ 14 4,509	D
Common Stock						42,025	I Joint with Wife

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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
Warrants <u>(2)</u>	\$ 14	12/04/2015		M	4,509	10/05/2015 12/05/2015	Common Stock	4,509

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gruseke Christopher R C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. 220 ELM STREET NEW CANAAN, CT 06840			President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Christopher R. Gruseke
by POA
Date: 12/08/2015

**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).

(1) 40,000 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on December 31, 2015 and an additional 25% to vest on the anniversary of the vesting date thereafter.

(2) All 14,000 Shares were Units, upon exercise of the Warrants on December 4 2015, the Units became Common Stock. Each Unit consisted of one share of Common Stock and an attached Warrant which gives the Reporting Person the right to purchase .3221 shares of the Company's Common Stock at \$14.00 per share once exercised. The exercise period for the Warrants is currently set for October 5, 2015 through December 5, 2015. The associated Common Stock is disclosed in Table I, and the associated Warrants in Table II.

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