

TIETJEN JOHN W
Form 5
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FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TIETJEN JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH
FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
STERLING BANCORP [STL]

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â Â	77,705	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â Â	11,141	I	By 401(k)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 6.94	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/11/2007 ⁽¹⁾ 02/11/2010	Common Stock 32
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.6	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/06/2010 ⁽²⁾ 02/06/2012	Common Stock 13
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 6.94	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/11/2001 ⁽³⁾ 02/11/2010	Common Stock 6
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.6	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/06/2003 ⁽³⁾ 02/06/2012	Common Stock 24

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TIETJEN JOHN W 650 FIFTH AVENUE 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	Â	Â	Â EVP and CFO	Â

Signatures

/s/ Tietjen, John
W 01/28/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Options become exercisable, commencing on the seventh anniversary of the grant, in three installments for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).
- (2) Options become exercisable, commencing on the eighth anniversary of the grant, in two installments for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).
- (3) Non-qualified options are exercisable commencing on the first anniversary of the grant for a term of 10 years from grant date (first exercisable date listed).

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