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OMB APPROVAL OMB UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations **OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES** response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Transactions 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer HERSHFIELD ALLAN A Symbol STERLING BANCORP [stl] (Check all applicable) (First) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Middle) (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 12/31/2011 below) below) 650 FIFTH AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10019

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

| (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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, Amount | l (A) o l of (D |) | 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 | 24,171 <u>(1)</u> | D | Â | |

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and | 8. Price of | 9. |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|----|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | Number | Expiration Date | Amount of | Derivative | of |

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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of (Month/D Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 'Year) | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Security (Instr. 5) | D Se D Eı Is Fi (It |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Beno | orting Owners | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

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| Reporting Owner Name / Address | 5 | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|----------|---------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 1.0 | | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| HERSHFIELD ALLAN A 650 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10019 | ÂX | Â | Â | Â | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | |
| Allan F. 01 Hershfield | /21/2012 | | | | | | | |
| **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).

Includes 5,000 shares of restricted common stock issued on March 25, 2010 and 2,500 shares of restricted common stock issued on March 24, 2011, pursuant to the Sterling Bancorp Stock Incentive Plan. These shares will vest 25%, 25%, 25% and 25% on the first,

(1) second, third and fourth anniversaries of the respective grant dates, subject to accelerated vesting upon death, disabililty or change in control. The restricted shares are not transferable until vested.

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