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Form 4

October 09, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Finnerty, Corinne R.

P.O. Box 90

North Vernon, IN 47265

- Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol First Financial Bancorp (FFBC)
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) 309-64-9714
- 4. Statement for Month/Year 10/2002
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 - (X) Director () 10% Owner
 - () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 - (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 - () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	action Date (Month/	Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		(D)	5. Amou Secu Bene Owne End
 	Day/ Year) +	Code	l V		A/D	Price	+ Mont +
Common Stock Common Stock							317 20086

FFBC (Directors Fee Stock Plan) 10/07/2002 P 140 A \$18.2500 2102

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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	1			1			of Unde	rlying	
1	Conver-			Number of			Securit:	ies	
	sion or			Derivative	Date Exercisable	е -	+	+	+
1	Exercise			Securities	and Expiration	Date	1	Amount	
	Price of	Transac-	Transac-	Acquired(A)	(Month/Day/Year))	1	or	
Title of	Deriv-	tion Date	tion Code	Disposed(D)	+		+	Number	P
Derivative	ative	(Month/	+	+	+Date Exer- Expi	ra-	1	of	D
Security	Security	Day/Year)	Code V	(A) (D)	cisable tion	Date	Title	Shares	S
+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	.+-

1998 (NQ) \$21.5958 Stock Option 04/28/2008 Common Stock

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2001 (NQ) \$15.6 Option 04/24/2011 Common Stock

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ Terri J. Ziepfel

DATE 10/07/2002