

Robinson Eliot S
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 *
Robinson Eliot S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH
FLOOR

(Street)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2012

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 ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Exec VP - Sterling Nat'l Bank

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

____X____ Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	22,187 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	11,746	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
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 17.99	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	03/15/2012 03/15/2017	Common Stock 10,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Robinson Eliot S 650 FIFTH AVENUE 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	Â Â Â Exec VP - Sterling Nat'l Bank Â

Signatures

Eliot Robinson 02/13/2013
 **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) The difference in shares beneficially owned, 808 shares, is due to a portion of shares that are subject to dividend reinvestment.
- (2) Non-qualified stock options become exercisable commencing on the fifth anniversary of the grant date for a term of ten years from date of grant.

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