

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP  
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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 \*  
 FULMER JAMES W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORP  
 [TMP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/28/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Vice Chairman

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P O BOX 460

(Street)

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

ITHACA, NY 14851

(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/28/2008		M		1,000 A \$ 20	40,491	D
Common Stock	08/28/2008		M		200 A \$ 20	40,691	D
Common Stock	08/28/2008		S		200 D \$ 45.45	40,491	D
Common Stock	08/28/2008		M		200 A \$ 20	40,691	D
Common Stock	08/28/2008		S		200 D \$ 45.25	40,491	D

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Common Stock	08/28/2008		M	100	A	\$ 20	40,591	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2008		S	100	D	\$ 45.15	40,491	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2008		M	250	A	\$ 20	40,741	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2008		S	250	D	\$ 45.55	40,491	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2008		M	250	A	\$ 20	40,741	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2008		S	250	D	\$ 45.49	40,491	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2008		M	250	A	\$ 20	40,741	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2008		S	250	D	\$ 45.39	40,491	D	
Common Stock							25,592	I	by Spouse

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20	08/28/2008		M	1,000	(1) 09/14/2010	Common Stock	1,000	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 20	08/28/2008		M	200	(1) 09/14/2010	Common Stock	200	

(right to buy)

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20	08/28/2008	M	200	<u>(1)</u>	09/14/2010	Common Stock	200
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20	08/28/2008	M	100	<u>(1)</u>	09/14/2010	Common Stock	100
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20	08/28/2008	M	250	<u>(1)</u>	09/14/2010	Common Stock	250
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20	08/28/2008	M	250	<u>(1)</u>	09/14/2010	Common Stock	250
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20	08/28/2008	M	250	<u>(1)</u>	09/14/2010	Common Stock	250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FULMER JAMES W TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION P O BOX 460 ITHACA, NY 14851	X		Vice Chairman	

## Signatures

James W.  
Fulmer

09/02/2008

\*\*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) The stock option becomes exercisable in four installments, commencing two years after the grant date.

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