

ALEXANDER JOHN E
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
ALEXANDER JOHN E

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)

TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION, PO BOX 460

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/11/2012

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

ITHACA, NY 14851

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 11/15/2011 | | L | V | 268 | A | 29,659 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/15/2011 | | L | V | 16 | A | 466 | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 11/15/2011 | | L | V 77 | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 77 |
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 01/11/2012 | | P | 208 | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 208 |
| 7% Convertible Trust Preferred | (3) | | | | | 04/15/2019 | 03/31/2039 | Common Stock | 60,459 |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ALEXANDER JOHN E TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION PO BOX 460 ITHACA, NY 14851 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/John E.
Alexander

01/13/2012

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. Phantom stock represents deferred stock compensation under the Amended and Restated Retainer Plan for Eligible Directors of Tompkins Financial Corporation and its Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries. These shares are held in a rabbi trust pending distribution upon the occurrence of certain events specified in the Plan. The reporting person has no voting or investment power over the shares prior to such distribution.

- (2) Shares acquired through reinvestment of quarterly cash dividends.

The Trust Preferred Securities were issued by Tompkins Capital Trust I, all of the common securities of which are owned by Tompkins Financial Corporation (TMP). The Trust Preferred Securities are convertible, at any time on or after April 15, 2019, into TMP Common

- (3) Stock at a price of \$41.35 per share or, if higher, the average of the closing prices of TMP Common Stock on the trading days in the calendar quarter preceding the date of conversion. The amount set out in Item #7 above uses the \$41.35 conversion price.

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