

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
 Form 5
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Drexler Blake S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
 [BWFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2015

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

C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., 220 ELM STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

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)	(A) or (D)	Amount or Price	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 ⁽¹⁾	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,750	D	Â
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10,000	D	Â
Common Stock ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	24,696	I	Deferred Compensation Plan

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	125,887	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	58,224	I	Held as Trustee

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Stock Options <u>(5)</u>	\$ 17.5	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/13/2006	12/13/2016	Common Stock	3,050
Stock Options <u>(6)</u>	\$ 20.7	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/12/2007	12/12/2017	Common Stock	2,788
Warrants <u>(3)</u>	\$ 14	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	10/05/2015	12/05/2015	Common Stock	1,868

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Drexler Blake S C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. 220 ELM STREET NEW CANAAN, CT 06840	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

Blake S. Drexler
by POA

01/29/2016

__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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(1) 3,500 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 BNC Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal annual installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on November 5, 2014 and an additional 25% to vest on each annual anniversary of the grant date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 1,750 Shares have vested.

(2) 30,000 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments of 10,000 shares, with the first installment to vest immediately on December 9, 2014 and an additional 10,000 shares to vest on December 1, 2015 and December 1, 2016. As of the Transaction Date, 20,000 Shares have vested.

(3) This Form 5 is being filed to update the Deferred Compensation Warrants that were exercised in 2015. All 5,800 Shares were Units, upon exercise of the Warrants, the Units became Common Stock. Each Unit consists of one share of Common Stock and an attached Warrant which gives the Reporting Person the right to purchase .3221 shares of the Company's Common Stock at \$14.00 per share once exercised (1,868 Shares). The exercise period for the Warrants was set for October 5, 2015 through December 5, 2015. The associated Common Stock is disclosed in Table I, and the associated Warrants in Table II.

(4) This Form 5 is being filed to update the total amount of Deferred Compensation held as of 12/31/15 - 24,696.

(5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2006 Stock Option Plan, all of which are fully vested.

(6) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2007 Bank of New Canaan Stock Option Equity Award Plan, all of which are fully vested.

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