FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ Form 8-K August 17, 2015

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 14, 2015

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

31-1042001 (I.R.S. employer identification number)

Commission file number: 001-34762

255 East Fifth Street, Suite 700, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (877) 322-9530

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 14, 2015, First Financial Bank, N.A., a subsidiary of First Financial Bancorp (Nasdaq: FFBC) (collectively "the Company" and "First Financial"), announced that it had completed its acquisition of Oak Street Holdings Corporation ("Oak Street"). Oak Street will continue to operate under the Oak Street brand, as a subsidiary of First Financial Bank. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits:
- 99.1 Press Release dated August 14, 2015.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP.

By: /s/ John M. Gavigan John M. Gavigan Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 17, 2015

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Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated August 14, 2015.