

Klein James B  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Klein James B		(Month/Day/Year)	STERLING BANCORP [stl]	
(Last)	(First)	08/03/2012		
650 FIFTH AVENUE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
NEW YORK, NY 10019			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	82,866	D <sup>(1)</sup>	^
Common Stock	9,489	I <sup>(2)</sup>	by spouse
Common Stock	264,902	I <sup>(3)</sup>	by trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
		Title			

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Klein James B 650 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10019	X	^	^	^

## Signatures

James B. Klein                      08/10/2012

\_\_Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Shares reported as owned by Mr. Klein include 33,488 shares held jointly with his spouse, Mrs. Bonnie Klein.
- (2) Shares reported as owned by Mr. Klein are owned by his spouse, Mrs. Bonnie Klein. Mr. Klein disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.  
  
Shares reported as owned by Mr. Klein, as trustee, include: 141,662 shares held in the Jonas P. Klein Marital Trust; 48,829 shares held in the Phyllis Klein 2009 3-Year GRAT; 41,934 shares held in the Phyllis Klein 2009 2-Year GRAT; and 32,477 shares held in the Estate of Phyllis S. Klein. Mr. Klein disclaims beneficial ownership of all these shares.

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