

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC
Form 8-K
December 17, 2012

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): December 17, 2012

Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.		
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)		
Massachusetts	0 17089	04 2976299
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
Ten Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109		
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)		
(617) 912-1900		
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)		

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 17, 2012, Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Boston Private Bank & Trust Company (the “Bank”), entered into a Purchase and Assumption Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Sterling Savings Bank (“Sterling”), pursuant to which the Bank agreed to sell to Sterling the Bank's three Pacific Northwest branch offices. The completion of the transaction is subject to receipt of all requisite regulatory approvals and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions as specified in the Agreement. A copy of the press release issued by the Company concerning the transaction is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated December 17, 2012.

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.

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

Dated: December 17, 2012 By: /S/ DAVID J. KAYE

David J. Kaye

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated December, 17 2012.