

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/

Form 4

August 01, 2013

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bresler Joshua D

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
STERLING FINANCIAL CORP
/WA/ [STSA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS,
L.P., 100 FEDERAL STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

BOSTON, MA 02110

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of Derivative	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	07/30/2013	A		1,303		<u>(1)</u>	04/02/2014	Common Stock	1,303
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 26.04	07/30/2013	A		2,026		<u>(2)</u>	04/29/2023	Common Stock	2,026

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bresler Joshua D
C/O THOMAS H. LEE PARTNERS, L.P.
100 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON, MA 02110

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Signatures

/s/ Joshua D.
Bresler

08/01/2013

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling Financial Corporation common stock. The
(1) restricted stock units are scheduled to become 100% vested on April 1, 2014 subject to the reporting person's continued service with Sterling Financial Corporation on such date.

Each nonqualified stock option represents a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling Financial Corporation common stock. The
(2) nonqualified stock options are scheduled to become 100% vested on April 1, 2014 subject to the reporting person's continued service with Sterling Financial Corporation on such date.

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