

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bauer George P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/23/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 286,780 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 400 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | | | | | 666 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 111,585 | I | Held in Foundation |
| Common Stock ⁽³⁾ | | | | | 55,556 | I | Held in Foundation |

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|--------------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------|--------|---|-----------------------|
| Common Stock ⁽³⁾ | 11/23/2015 | M | 17,894 | A | \$ 14 | 17,894 | I | Held in Foundation |
|--------------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------|--------|---|-----------------------|

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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Warrants <u>(3)</u> | \$ 14 | 11/23/2015 | | M | 17,894 | 10/05/2015 | 12/05/2015 | Common Stock | 17,894 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bauer George P
C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.
220 ELM STREET
NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

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Signatures

/s/ George P. Bauer by
POA

11/24/2015

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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- 800 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 today, 400 Shares have vested.
- (2) 1,000 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. The shares vest in three substantially equal installments - the first immediately on December 15, 2014 and then on each of December 3, 2015 and December 3,

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2016. As of today, 334 Shares have vested.

- (3) All 55,556 Shares were Units, upon exercise of the Warrants on November 23, 2015, the Units became Common Stock. Each Unit consisted 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. The exercise period for the Warrants is currently 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.

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