Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

Form 4

January 12, 2017

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

obligations

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Fieber James A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First)

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

[BWFG] (Middle)

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

01/10/2017

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner _ Other (specify

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

(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)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities ctionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		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)	
Common Stock							700	D (1)	
Common Stock							21,845	I	Deferred Compensation Plan
Common Stock							272,586	I	Held as Trustee
Common Stock							200,042	D (2)	
	01/10/2017		A	1,000	A	\$0	1,000	D (3)	

Common Stock

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	OI SI A (A D OI (I	Jumber f Derivative ecurities acquired A) or Disposed f (D) Instr. 3,	6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	3 (
Stock				Code		, and 5) A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Options (4)	\$ 20.7						12/12/2007	12/12/2017	Common Stock	2,875	

Reporting Owners

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Fieber James A C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. 220 ELM STREET NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

X

Signatures

/s/ James A. Fieber by POA 01/12/2017

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Reporting Owners 2

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).
 - 2,800 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 BNC Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal annual
- (1) 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 the Transaction Date, 2,100 Shares have vested.
- (2) 5,663 of Shares reported are owned jointly with Spouse.
 - 1,000 shares of restricted stock granted on January 10, 2017, pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will
- (3) vest in two equal annual installments of 500 shares, with the first installment to vest on December 29, 2017 and the remaining 500 shares to vest on December 31, 2018.
- (4) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2007 Bank of New Canaan Stock Option Equity Award Plan, all of which are fully vested.

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