#### STERLING BANCORP

Form 5

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 5 **OMB**

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

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## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HUMPHREYS HENRY J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) t Issuer			
			STERLING BANCORP [STL]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended	(Check an applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (speci			
650 FIFTH A	AVENUE			below) below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting			
				(check applicable line)			

### NEW YORK, NYÂ 10019

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

\_X\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting

	(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Deriv	vative Sec	urities	s Acqui	ired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
S	Title of ecurity (nstr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) of (D	)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and	8. Price of	9.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration Date	Amount of	Derivative	of

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Year)	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and		Security (Instr. 5)
				(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Am or Nur of Sha	nber	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HUMPHREYS HENRY J 650 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10019	ÂΧ	Â	Â	Â			

# **Signatures**

Reporting Person

Henry J.
Humphreys

\*\*Signature of Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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