

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/  
Form 8-K  
May 13, 2013

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

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FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report: May 10, 2013  
(Date of earliest event reported)

Sterling Financial Corporation		
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)		
Washington	001-34696	91-1572822
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

111 North Wall Street, Spokane, Washington 99201  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

(509) 358-8097  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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:

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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 May 10, 2013, Sterling Financial Corporation's principal operating subsidiary, Sterling Savings Bank, completed the acquisition of the Seattle area operations of Boston Private Bank & Trust Company (the "Transaction"). The full text of a press release announcing the completion of the Transaction issued on May 13, 2013 is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Exhibit Description

99.1 Sterling Financial Corporation press release.

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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.

STERLING FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

May 13, 2013 By: /s/ Patrick J. Rusnak  
Date Patrick J. Rusnak  
Chief Financial Officer