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Form 8-K
September 22, 2004

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

NORTH COUNTRY FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MICHIGAN	0-20167	38-2062816
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

130 SOUTH CEDAR STREET, MANISTIQUE, MICHIGAN	49854
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 200-7032

N/A
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On September 16, 2004, Registrant completed the sale to Upper Peninsula State Bank ("UPSB") formerly known as State Bank of Escanaba of its North Country Bank and Trust branch offices located in Escanaba and Iron Mountain, Michigan. UPSB acquired all real property associated with these two branch locations and assumed approximately \$9,400,000 in deposits. North Country has retained all loans associated with these two branch locations.

Registrant previously announced the execution of a definitive agreement with UPSB for the sale of these branch offices by filing an 8-K and issuing a press release on April 23, 2004.

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 thereunto duly authorized

NORTH COUNTRY FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: September 21, 2004

By: /s/ Ernie R. Krueger

Ernie R. Krueger

Vice President and Controller