

MILLMAN JOHN C  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 MILLMAN JOHN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 STERLING BANCORP [stl]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 650 FIFTH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2009

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

NEW YORK, NY 100196108

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(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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) or (D)	Price	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	321,336 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	63,300	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	7,477	I	By IRA
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	291	I	Owned by Spouse

Common Stock      1,197      I      Owned by Spouse IRA

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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.6					02/06/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/06/2012	Common Stock      37,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MILLMAN JOHN C 650 FIFTH AVENUE 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 100196108	X		President	

## Signatures

John C. Millman      01/20/2010  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person      Date

## 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).
- (1) Includes an additional 21 shares not previously reported.

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- (2) Options become exercisable, commencing on the second anniversary of the grant, in installments over a six-year period for a term of 10 years from the grant date (first exercisable date listed.)

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