

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 5

Annual statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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REPORTING OWNER

UNDERWOOD JAMES

CIK: **1209283**

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Mailing Address
*116 E BERRY STREET
FORT WAYNE IN 46802*

ISSUER

TOWER FINANCIAL CORP

CIK: **1072847** | IRS No.: **352051170** | State of Incorporation: **IN** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **6022** State commercial banks

Mailing Address
*116 E BERRY ST
N/A
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*116 E BERRY ST
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FORM 5

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Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 UNDERWOOD JAMES			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TOWER FINANCIAL CORP [TOFC]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) EVP, Sr Corporate Risk Manager		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2012			6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
116 EAST BERRY STREET			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)								
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802								
(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)			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)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock							14,250	D	
Common Stock							1,945 ⁽¹⁾	I	Held by 401(k) Plan

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

1. The reporting person has acquired 1,945 shares of TOFC common stock under the Tower Financial Corporation 401(k) Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of December 31, 2012.

Signatures

/s/ James E. Underwood

** Signature of Reporting Person

01/28/2013

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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