

FIRST BANCORP /NC/  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SAMUELS WILLIAM E JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST BANCORP /NC/ [FBNC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
P.O. BOX 656  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2005

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

WEST END, NC 27376

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2005		G	V 2,800 D \$ 0	104,168	D	
Common Stock					33,663	I	SPOUSE

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)**

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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)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.3667					06/01/2002 06/01/2012	Common Stock 2,250	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16					06/01/2001 06/01/2011	Common Stock 2,250	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.3					06/01/2003 06/01/2013	Common Stock 2,250	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.6867					06/01/2004 06/01/2014	Common Stock 2,250	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SAMUELS WILLIAM E JR P.O. BOX 656 WEST END, NC 27376	X			

## Signatures

Timothy S. Maples  
03/02/2005  
\*\*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).

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