

First Foundation Inc.  
Form SC 13G  
February 14, 2014

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. \_\_)**

**FIRST FOUNDATION INC.**

(Name of Issuer)

**COMMON STOCK, \$0.001 par value per share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**32026V 104**

(CUSIP Number)

**December 31, 2013**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF  
ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

**1**

Ulrich E. Keller, Jr.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF  
A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

**2**

(a) ..

(b) ..

SEC USE ONLY

**3**

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

**4**

United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

**5**  
NUMBER OF 1,282,751

**6** SHARED VOTING POWER  
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 0

OWNED BY SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7  
1,282,751  
EACH

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING

0  
PERSON

WITH:

AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

9  
1,282,751

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES

10 ..

(See Instructions)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

16.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See  
Instructions)

**12**

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**Item 1.**

(a) Name of Issuer:

First Foundation Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700

Irvine, CA 92612

**Item 2.**

(a) Name of Person(s) Filing:

Ulrich E. Keller, Jr.

(b) Address of Principal Business Office(s):

c/o First Foundation Inc.

18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700

Irvine, CA 92612

(c) Citizenship:

United States

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

(e) CUSIP Number:

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**Item 3.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 4. Ownership.**

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

1,282,751

(b) Percent of class:

16.4%

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,282,751

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: H

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,282,751

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: H

Does not include, and Mr. Keller disclaims beneficial ownership of, 100,000 shares held by his spouse.

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.**

Not applicable.



**Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.**

Not applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.**

Not applicable.

**Item 10. Certification.**

Not applicable.

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2014  
Date

/s/ ULRICH E. KELLER, JR  
Signature

Ulrich E. Keller, Jr.  
Name/Title