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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Jones Daniel S

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL

GROUP, INC., 220 ELM STREET

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. [BWFG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/11/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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|                        |                                      |                               |            |                             |     |            | • 1                        |              | •                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----|------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3.         | 4. Securi                   |     |            | 5. Amount of Securities    | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3)             | (Wollanday/Tear)                     | any                           | Code       | on(A) or Disposed of<br>(D) |     |            | Beneficially               | Form:        | Ownership                        |
| , ,                    |                                      | (Month/Day/Year)              | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)         |     | Owned      | Direct (D)                 | (Instr. 4)   |                                  |
|                        |                                      |                               |            |                             |     |            | Following                  | or Indirect  |                                  |
|                        |                                      |                               |            |                             | (A) |            | Reported<br>Transaction(s) | (I)          |                                  |
|                        |                                      |                               |            |                             | or  |            | (Instr. 3 and 4)           | (Instr. 4)   |                                  |
|                        |                                      |                               | Code V     | Amount                      | (D) | Price      | (moure and i)              |              |                                  |
| Common                 |                                      |                               |            |                             |     |            |                            |              | Deferred                         |
| Stock                  |                                      |                               |            |                             |     |            | 15,616                     | I            | Compensation                     |
| Stock                  |                                      |                               |            |                             |     |            |                            |              | Plan                             |
| Common<br>Stock        | 12/11/2017                           |                               | M          | 2,569                       | D   | \$<br>20.7 | 231,748                    | D (1) (2)    |                                  |
| Common<br>Stock        |                                      |                               |            |                             |     |            | 1,000                      | D (3)        |                                  |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|--|
|   |   |   |   | Code V  | (A) (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Options                                    | \$ 20.7   | 12/11/2017                              |   | M   | 2,569   | 12/12/2007   | 12/12/2017         | Common<br>Stock   | 2,569                                  |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Jones Daniel S C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. 220 ELM STREET NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

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## **Signatures**

/s/ Daniel S. Jones

12/13/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

the grant date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, all Shares have vested

- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- 1,300 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 BNC Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal annual (1) installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on November 5, 2014 and an additional 25% to vest on each annual anniversary of
- (2) 69,494 of Shares reported are owned jointly with Spouse.
- 1,000 shares of restricted stock granted on January 10, 2017, pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will
- (3) vest in two equal annual installments of 500 shares, with the first installment to vest on December 29, 2017 and the remaining 500 shares to vest on December 31, 2018.

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| (4) Stock Options granted pursuant to the 2007 Bank of New Canaan Stock Option Equity Award Plan, all of which are fully vested.  Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, <i>see</i> Instruction 6 for procedure.  Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number. |
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