

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
November 20, 2015

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 20, 2015

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut

001-36448

20-8251355

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

220 Elm Street

New Canaan, Connecticut 06840

(Address and Telephone Number)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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8.01 Other Events

On November 20, 2015, Bankwell Financial Group, Inc., the holding company for Bankwell Bank, announced that it redeemed all of the \$10,980,000 (10,980 shares) of Series C Preferred Stock ("SBLF Stock") that had been issued to the United States Department of Treasury on August 4, 2011 related to the Registrant's participation in the Small Business Lending Fund. With this redemption, Bankwell has redeemed all of its outstanding SBLF stock. The redemption was approved by the Company's primary federal regulator and was funded with the Company's surplus capital.

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9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated November 20, 2015

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Registrant

November 20, 2015 By: /s/ Ernest J. Verrico, Sr.  
Ernest J. Verrico, Sr.  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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