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### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 11-K

(Mark One) (X) ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year end December 31, 2011

OR

( ) TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (NO FEE REQUIRED)

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-10587

Fulton Financial Corporation 401(k) Retirement Plan (Full title of the Plan)

FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

One Penn Square Lancaster, PA 17602

(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office)

## FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2011 and 2010

## FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Retirement Plans Administrative Committee Fulton Financial Corporation 401(k) Retirement Plan Lancaster, Pennsylvania

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Fulton Financial Corporation 401(k) Retirement Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule G, Part III – Schedule of Nonexempt Transactions are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic 2011 financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic 2011 financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Crowe Horwath LLP

Columbus, Ohio July 9, 2012

## FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS December 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 16,049	\$ 429,679
Investments at fair value (Note 4)	219,755,512	218,153,220
Receivables		
Other receivable	6,174	_
Notes receivable from participants	43,999	117,039
Accrued income	251,353	209,907
Employee contribution	-	18,498
Employer contribution	4,902,441	4,967,727
Total receivables	5,203,967	5,313,171
Total assets	224,975,528	223,896,070
LIABILITIES		
Security transaction payable	21,143	-
Administrative expenses payable	27,773	33,392
Total liabilities	48,916	33,932
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 224,926,612	\$ 223,862,138

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS Years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income (loss)	
Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair	
value	
of investments (Note 4) \$ (6,569,259) \$ 22,809,	617
Interest and dividends 3,924,133 3,299,073	
(2,645,126) 26,108,690	)
Contributions	
Employer contributions 11,008,846 10,892,725	5
Participant contributions 9,510,419 9,441,179	
Participant rollovers 668,339 297,763	
21,187,604 20,631,667	7
Total additions 18,542,478 46,740,357	7
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants 17,341,386 16,080,224	1
Administrative expenses 136,618 198,675	•
176,075 17,478,004 16,278,899	)
17,470,004	,
Net increase prior to transfers 1,064,474 30,461,458	3
1,00 i, iii	,
Transfer from Columbia Bank 401(k)	
Plan (Note 8) - 17,417,433	3
Transfer from Global Exchange Group	
401(k) Plan (Note 8) 939,173	
Net increase 1,064,474 48,818,064	1
Net assets available for benefits	
Beginning of year 223,862,138 175,044,0	74
End of year \$224,926,612 \$223,862,	138

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

### FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2011 and 2010

#### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Fulton Financial Corporation 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General: The Plan's eligibility requirements include substantially all employees of Fulton Financial Corporation (the "Company" or the "Employer") and its subsidiaries. Eligible employees who have completed 90 days of service and who have attained age 21 may make employee contributions to the Plan. To receive an employer matching contribution, an employee must complete a year of service and attain age 21. The Plan provides for retirement, death, and disability benefits. The Plan is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

In connection with the mergers of certain qualified defined contribution plans into the Plan, the Plan shall receive and accept certain promissory notes from unpaid loans previously made by these qualified plans to participants.

Contributions: The employer profit sharing contribution is discretionary and is allocated uniformly on the basis of compensation. To be eligible for an employer profit sharing contribution, an employee had (1) to be hired prior to July 1, 2007 and be eligible to participate in this Plan under the eligibility requirements in effect on that date or (2) to be an active participant in the Fulton Financial Affiliates Defined Benefit Pension Plan as of December 31, 2007.

Eligible employees may elect to contribute 1% to 50% of eligible compensation not to exceed the maximum allowed by law. Any participant who has attained age 50 by the end of the Plan year may make catch-up contributions in accordance with Code Section 414(v).

The employer shall make a matching contribution equal to 100% of the first 5% of compensation deferred. Participants direct the investment of their participant and employer contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, an allocation of the Company contributions and Plan earnings/(losses) and charged with his or her withdrawals. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined in the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the vested benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

Retirement, Death and Disability: A participant is entitled to 100% of his or her account balance upon retirement, death or disability.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary, employer matching, and rollover contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the remainder of the accounts is based on years of service. Participants become 100% vested after completion of five years of credited service.

Participants of the Resource Bank subsidiary shall be vested based on a two year cliff vesting schedule for employer contributions made prior to January 1, 2009.

Payment of Benefits: Upon termination of service, death, disability or retirement, a participant may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Benefit payments are distributed as either a lump sum or in installment payments over a period. The period over which benefits are paid is not to exceed either the life expectancy of the participant or the joint life expectancies of the participant and the participant's beneficiary.

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### FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2011 and 2010

#### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Forfeitures: Forfeitures represent the nonvested portion of the participant's account plus earnings thereon that are not fully distributable to participants who terminate employment before they are 100% vested. Forfeitures are used to reduce the future contributions to the Plan. Forfeitures used to reduce the employer contributions for the plan years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 were \$70,755 and \$148,753 respectively.

Expenses: Fees incurred in the administration of the Plan are paid by the Plan or the Company. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services are included as reduction of the return earned by each fund. Any rebates on investment fees received by the trustee on behalf of the Plan are deposited into the Plan and are reflected in the applicable fund investment returns.

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Method: The Plan's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures, and actual results may differ from these estimates.

Risk and Uncertainties: The Plan provides for various investment options including any combination of certain mutual funds, common stock of the Company, or collective trust funds. The underlying investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, liquidity, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits and participants' individual account balances.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Fair value is the price that would be received by the Plan for an asset or paid by the Plan to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the Plan's principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Fair value measurements are determined by maximizing the use of observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy places the highest priority on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and gives the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

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#### FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2011 and 2010

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy. The lowest level of significant input determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy.

The fair values of mutual fund investments and publicly traded common stocks are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (level 1 inputs). The fair value of participation units held by the Plan in a collective trust is based on the net asset value, as reported by the managers of the collective trust and as supported by the unit prices of actual purchase and sale transactions occurring as of or close to the financial statement date. The fair value of the collective trust is classified within level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The investment objective of the collective trust is to provide equity appreciation consistent with preservation of principal with reasonable income. The collective trust holds a diversified portfolio of common stocks and a money market fund. The collective trust provides for daily redemptions by the Plan at reported net asset values per share, with no advance notice requirement.

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

Fair Value Measurements
at December 31, 2011 Using
Quoted Prices in
Active Markets
for Identical Assets

(Level 1)

Investments:

Mutual Funds

Equity Mutual 115,494,440 Funds

Fixed Income Mutual Funds 56,191,469
Blended Mutual

Funds 24,172,364

Common Stock

Fulton Financial Corporation common stock 23,897,239

There were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during 2011.

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2010 Using

Inputs		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets  (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable (Level 2)
Investments:     Collective Trust Fund     Retirement Common Stock Fund     Mutual Funds     Equity Mutual Funds     Fixed Income Mutual Funds     Blended Mutual Funds     Common Stock     Fulton Financial Corporation common stock	\$ - 104,654,443 53,959,151 20,602,634 24,428,912	\$ 14,508,080 - - -	

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#### FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2011 and 2010

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk: At both December 31, 2011 and 2010, approximately 11% of the Plan's assets were invested in Fulton Financial Corporation common stock.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Notes receivable from participants are reported at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest, with no allowance for credit losses, as repayments of principal and interest are received through payroll deductions and the notes are collateralized by the participants' account balances.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

#### NOTE 3 - RIGHTS UPON PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their accounts.

#### **NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS**

The following presents investments that represent 5 percent or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits (at fair value).

December 31, 2011

			Units or Shares	Fair Value
Fulton Financial Corporation Common Stock	2,436,008	\$ 23,897,239		
American Century Heritage Fund	790,833	15,879,918		
Loomis Sayles Small Cap Value Fund	496,725	12,979,435		
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	210,987	20,180,950		
Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund	21,681,108	21,681,108		
MFS Value Fund	696,985	15,661,242		
MFS Research International Fund	921,799	12,656,300		
Federated Total Return Bond Fund	2,453,001	27,669,965		
T Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund	701,157	22,317,843		

December 31, 2010

Units or Shares Fair Value

Fulton Financial Corporation Common	2 262 564	\$
Stock	2,362,564	24,428,912
Fulton Financial Advisors Retirement	124,495	14,508,080
Common Stock Fund	124,493	14,500,000
Fidelity Advisor Mid Cap Value Fund	873,513	18,230,224
Loomis Sayles Small Cap Value Fund	504,917	13,430,790
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	209,056	20,002,496
Goldman Sachs Financial Square	22,067,124	22,067,124
Government Fund	22,007,124	22,007,124
MFS Value Fund	669,507	15,338,408
MFS Research International Fund	887,782	13,929,294
Federated Total Return Bond Fund	2,320,863	25,877,621

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### FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2011 and 2010

#### NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)

During 2011 and 2010, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated/(depreciated) in value by \$(6,569,258) and \$22,809,617, respectively, as follows:

2011 2010

Mutual Funds Collective Trust Fund Fulton Financial Corporation Common Stock	\$(8,149,632) 2,736,434 (1,156,061)	\$16,836,736 1,771,514 4,201,367

\$(6,569,259) \$22,809,617

#### **NOTE 5 - TERMINATED PARTICIPANTS**

Included in net assets available for benefits are amounts allocated to individuals who have elected to withdraw from the Plan, but who have not yet been paid. Plan assets allocated to these participants were \$351,909 at December 31, 2011 and \$920,145 at December 31, 2010.

#### NOTE 6 - PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor Regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. Certain professional fees for the administration of the Plan were paid by the Company. Fees paid by the Plan to Conrad Siegel for recordkeeping services totaled \$38,914 and \$142,056 for 2011 and 2010, respectively. Fees paid to Fulton Financial Advisors related to benefits paid to participants and recordkeeping services totaled, \$64,946 and \$5,750 for 2011 and 2010 respectively. Fees paid to Crowe Horwath LLP, the auditor for the Plan, totaled \$31,600 and \$46,700 for 2011 and 2010, respectively. Fees paid to Newkirk Products totaled \$1,158 and \$1,829 for 2011 and 2010, respectively.

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Plan had investments of \$23,897,239 and \$24,428,912, respectively, in Fulton Financial Corporation common stock. The Plan also had investments of \$14,508,080 in collective trust funds with Fulton Financial Advisors, the custodian of the Plan, at December 31, 2010. Fulton Financial Advisors is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Approximately \$407,555 and \$285,987 of cash dividends were paid to the Plan by Fulton Financial Corporation during 2011 and 2010, respectively. Notes receivable from participants also reflect party-in-interest transactions. Certain immaterial rebates on investment fees received by FFA were not deposited into the Plan on a timely basis which constituted non-exempt transactions under ERISA with a party-in-interest. Management is in the process of correcting these transactions in accordance with the applicable regulatory guidelines.

#### NOTE 7 - TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated April 23, 2004, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in material compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

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### FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2011 and 2010

#### NOTE 8 - PLAN MERGERS

Effective January 1, 2010, the Columbia Bank 401(k) Plan and Global Exchange Group, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan were merged into the Plan.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) December 31, 2011

Name of Plan Sponsor: Fulton Financial Corporation

EIN: 23-2195389

Plan number: 001

(b) (c)

Identity of Issue, Description of Investment

Including (e)

Borrower, Lessor, Maturity Date, Rate of

Interest (d) Current

(a) or Similar Party Collateral, Par or Maturity Value Cost Value

#### **Mutual Funds**

Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	ü	20,180,950
v anguara	Vanguard Small Cap Value	u	20,100,730
Vanguard	Index Fund	ü	3,155,695
Vanguard	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund	ü	2,965,610
Vanguard	Vanguard Star Fund	ü	2,410,932
Goldman Sachs	Goldman Sachs Financial	ü	21 601 100
& Co.	Square	u	21,681,108
	Government Fund		
Goldman Sachs	Goldman Sachs Mid Cap	ü	2 965 020
& Co.	Value Fund	u	3,865,920
Fidelity	Fidelity Advisor Small Cap	ü	2 420 505
Investments	Value Fund	u	3,420,595
Loomis Sayles	Loomis Sayles Small Cap Value Fund	ü	12,979,435
MFS	MFS Research International	ü	12 656 200
Investment	Fund	u	12,656,300
Management			
MFS Investment	MFS Value Fund	ü	15,661,242
Management			
Goldman Sachs	Goldman Sachs Financial		75 002
& Co.	Square	ü	75,003
	Prime Institutional Fund		

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Federated			
Investors, Inc.	Federated Total Return Bond Fund	ü	27,669,965
T Rowe Price	T Rowe Price New Income Fund	ü	6,765,393
T Rowe Price	T Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund	ü	22,317,843
T Rowe Price	T Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund	ü	3,149,298
T Rowe Price	T Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund	ü	9,635,136
T Rowe Price	T Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund	ü	7,054,514
T Rowe Price	T Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund	ü	3,896,464
T Rowe Price	T Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund	ü	436,952
American Century	American Century Heritage Fund	ü	15,879,918

<sup>\*</sup> Party-in-interest

ü All investments are participant directed, therefore, historical cost information is not required.

# FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) December 31, 2011

Name of Plan Sponsor:	Fulton Financial Corporation			
EIN:	23-2195389			
Plan number:	001			
(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, Interest (a) or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investme Maturity Date, Rate (d) Current Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	_	Value	(e)
* Fulton Financial Corporation	Common Stock Common Stock	ü 23,897,239		
* Plan Participant	Participant Loans Participant Loans interest rates ranging from 4.25% - 9.25%	ü 43,999		
	Total	\$219,799,511		
* Party-in-interest ü All investments are parti	cipant directed, therefore, historical o	cost information is not requi	red.	
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the administrators of the Fulton Financial Corporation 401(k) Retirement Plan have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN

Date: July 9, 2012 By: /s/ Louis Yoka Louis Yoka

Senior Vice President, Manager

Compensation & Benefits

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

## **EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION**

23.1 Consent of Independent Auditors