

Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Gruseke Christopher R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
 [BWFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., 220 ELM STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/27/2015

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>					14,000	D		
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>					40,000	D		
Common Stock					36,625	I	Joint with Wife	
Common Stock	05/27/2015		P	1,400	A \$ 18.39 <sup>(3)</sup>	1,400	I	Joint with Wife
Common Stock	05/28/2015		P	500	A \$ 18.4899	500	I	Joint with Wife

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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 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Warrants <u>(1)</u>	\$ 14					10/01/2015 12/01/2015	Common Stock	4,509

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gruseke Christopher R C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. 220 ELM STREET NEW CANAAN, CT 06840			President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher Gruseke  
by POA  
05/29/2015

\*\*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).
- (1) Each Unit consists of one share of Common Stock and an attached Warrant which gives the Reporting Person the right to purchase .3221 shares of the Company's Common Stock at \$14.00 per share once exercised. The exercise period for the Warrants is currently set for October 1, 2015 though December 1, 2015. The associated Common Stock is disclosed in Table I, and the associated Warrants in Table II.
- (2)

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40,000 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on December 1, 2015 and an additional 25% to vest on the anniversary of the vesting date thereafter.

- (3) The 1,400 shares reported on this Form 4 and purchased on May 27, 2015 were purchased in five separate transactions ranging between \$18.23 per share and \$18.47 per share with the weighted average price of \$18.39. Reporting person will provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

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