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**UNITED STATES  
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) July 14, 2008

**Tompkins Financial Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

1-12709

16-1482357

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

The Commons, PO Box 460, Ithaca, New York

14851

(Address of Principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (607) 273-3210

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On July 14, 2008, the Company issued a press release announcing that it had been recognized by The Staton Institute® in the 2009 Edition of America's Finest Companies®. According to The Staton Institute, each year it researches approximately 19,000 U.S.-based public companies to identify America's Finest Companies®. A copy of the press release is attached to this Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of Tompkins Financial Corporation dated July 14, 2008 <b>SIGNATURE</b>

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.

**TOMPKINS FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

Date: July 16, 2008

By:         /s/ Stephen S. Romaine        

Stephen S. Romaine  
President and CEO

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