

FULTON FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 19, 2006

**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: January 19, 2006

(Date of earliest event reported): January 19, 2006

Commission File No. 0-10587

**Fulton Financial Corporation**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania	<u>23-2195389</u>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)
One Penn Square	<u>17602</u>

Lancaster, Pennsylvania	
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: <u>717-291-2411</u>	

Former name or former address, if changed since last Report: N/A

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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EXHIBIT 99.1 - Press Release dated January 19, 2006.

**Item 8.01 - Other Events.**

On January 19, 2006, Fulton Financial Corporation announced receipt of approval from the Federal Reserve Board of its pending acquisition of Columbia Bancorp. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(c) Exhibits**

**Exhibit No.**

**Description**

**99.1**

Press Release dated January 17, 2006.

**SIGNATURE**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

**FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

By:       /s/ Charles J. Nugent

Date: January 19, 2006

Charles J. Nugent

Senior Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer