FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940	

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] BLANK STEPHEN R	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MFA FINANCIAL, INC.</u> [MFA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
DEANK STEFTEN K	L J	X Director 10% Owner					
		Officer (give title Other (specify					
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	below) below)					
C/O MFA FINANCIAL, INC.	04/02/2007						
350 PARK AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR							
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
NEW YORK NY 10022		X 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock	04/02/2007		S		100	D	\$24.8	900	Ι	By Estate of Adele S. Blank

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. Transac Code (II 8)	nstr.	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/)	ate	Securities Underlying		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

<u>Stephen R. Blank</u> ** Signature of Reporting Person 05/20/2009

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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