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FULTON FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K March 21, 2012

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: March 21, 2012 (Date of earliest event reported): March 20, 2012

FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania 0-10587 23-2195389 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

P.O. Box 4887, One Penn Square
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17604
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 717-291-2411

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

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Item 5.02 - Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 20, 2012, Fulton Financial Corporation ("Fulton") issued a press release, attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein, to announce that R. Scott Smith, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Fulton will retire on December 31, 2012. In addition, Fulton's board of directors named E. Philip Wenger, currently Fulton's president and chief operating officer, to succeed Mr. Smith as chairman, president and chief executive officer, effective January 1, 2013. After he retires, Mr. Smith will continue to serve as a director of Fulton.

Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Fulton Financial Corporation Press Release dated March 20, 2012

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 21, 2012 Fulton Financial Corporation

By: /s/ Charles J. Nugent Charles J. Nugent Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer