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Form 8-K

September 17, 2001

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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) September 16, 2001

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

RHODE ISLAND

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-6366

(Commission File Number)

05-0341324

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Federal Street, Boston, MA

(Address of principal executive offices)

02110

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-434-2200

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5. OTHER EVENTS.

In a press release dated September 16, 2001, the Corporation announced that its Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to \$4 billion of the Corporation's outstanding common stock prior to December 31, 2002.

Pursuant to Form 8-K, General Instruction F, the Corporation hereby incorporates by reference the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

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Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER EXHIBITS.

| Exhibit No. ----- | Description ----- |
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| Exhibit 99 | Press Release Dated September 16, 2001 |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed in its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FLEETBOSTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Registrant

By: /s/ Eugene M. McQuade

Eugene M. McQuade
Vice Chairman and
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: September 17, 2001