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Form N-Q

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21727  
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First Trust Mortgage Income Fund  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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First Trust Portfolios L.P.  
120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 630-765-8000  
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Date of fiscal year end: October 31  
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Date of reporting period: January 31, 2016  
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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS. The Schedule of Investments is attached herewith.

FIRST TRUST MORTGAGE INCOME FUND (FMY)  
 PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS  
 JANUARY 31, 2016 (UNAUDITED)

PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION	STATED COUPON	STAT MATUR
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MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - 76.2%			
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - 56.7%			
	Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust		
\$ 474,873	Series 2003-2, Class A1 .....	4.98%	10/0
	ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust		
1,136,211	Series 2006-ASAP6, Class A2D (a).....	0.65%	12/2
	Banc of America Mortgage Trust		
55,719	Series 2002-L, Class 1A1 (a) (b).....	2.50%	12/0
	Chase Mortgage Finance Trust		
330,867	Series 2007-A1, Class 1A3 (a).....	2.72%	02/0
	Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust		
965,630	Series 2012-7, Class 10A2 (a) (c).....	2.74%	09/0
	Countrywide Alternative Loan Trust		
65,667	Series 2007-11T1, Class A37 (b) (d).....	37.46%	05/2
	Countrywide Home Loan Mortgage Pass-Through Trust		
769,253	Series 2003-46, Class 2A1 (a).....	2.85%	01/0
467,494	Series 2006-21, Class A8 .....	5.75%	02/0
792,140	Series 2006-HYB5, Class 3A1A (a).....	2.75%	09/0
	Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp.		
399,950	Series 2004-AR2, Class 1A1 (a) (b).....	2.93%	03/0
1,014,840	Series 2004-AR8, Class 6A1 (a).....	2.51%	09/0
	Credit Suisse Mortgage Trust		
954,184	Series 10-20R, Class 7A4 (a) (c).....	3.50%	03/0
	DSL A Mortgage Loan Trust		
1,016,685	Series 2004-AR3, Class 2A2A (a).....	0.80%	07/1
1,050,821	Series 2007-AR1, Class 2A1A (a).....	0.57%	04/1
	GMAC Mortgage Corporation Loan Trust		
211,248	Series 2004-AR1, Class 22A (a).....	3.10%	06/0
	GSR Mortgage Loan Trust		
297,980	Series 2005-AR1, Class 4A1 (a).....	2.52%	01/0
	Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust		
607,318	Series 2004-6, Class 3A1 (a).....	2.99%	08/0
	Home Equity Asset Trust		
520,000	Series 2005-9, Class M1 (a).....	0.84%	04/2
	Irwin Home Equity Loan Trust		
559,737	Series 2006-3, Class 2A2 (c).....	5.83%	09/0
	IXIS Real Estate Capital Trust		
1,249,226	Series 2007-HE1, Class A3 (a).....	0.59%	05/2
	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust		
1,692,969	Series 2005-ALT1, Class 4A1 (a).....	2.70%	10/0
880,147	Series 2006-A2, Class 4A1 (a).....	2.72%	08/0
131,424	Series 2006-A2, Class 5A3 (a).....	2.68%	11/0
	JP Morgan Re-REMIC		
698,290	Series 2009-7, Class 12A1 (c).....	6.25%	01/0
	MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust		
1,077,923	Series 2006-HE5, Class A3 (a).....	0.59%	11/2

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222,207	Series 2006-HE5, Class A4 (a) (b).....	0.65%	11/2
1,584,310	Series 2006-NC2, Class A3 (a).....	0.54%	08/2

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MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)			
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)			
MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust (Continued)			
\$ 723,161	Series 2006-NC2, Class A5 (a).....	0.67%	08/2
	Mellon Residential Funding Corp. Mortgage Pass-Through Trust		
545,145	Series 2001-TBC1, Class A1 (a).....	1.13%	11/1
505,716	Series 2002-TBC2, Class A (a).....	1.29%	08/1
	Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust		
401,455	Series 2004-7AR, Class 2A6 (a).....	2.54%	09/0
	Nomura Resecuritization Trust		
1,200,764	Series 15-6R, Class 2A4 (c).....	7.90%	01/0
	Provident Funding Mortgage Loan Trust		
250,100	Series 2005-1, Class 1A1 (a).....	2.54%	05/0
	Residential Accredit Loans, Inc.		
225,128	Series 2006-Q01, Class 2A1 (a).....	0.70%	02/2
	Saxon Asset Securities Trust		
1,169,064	Series 2007-2, Class A2D (a).....	0.73%	05/2
	Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC		
1,131,329	Series 2007-BR2, Class A2 (a).....	0.66%	02/2
	Springleaf Mortgage Loan Trust		
850,000	Series 2013-3A, Class M3 (c).....	5.00%	09/0
	Structured Adjustable Rate Mortgage Loan Trust		
647,987	Series 2004-2, Class 4A2 (a).....	2.60%	03/0
	Thornburg Mortgage Securities Trust		
518,917	Series 2003-4, Class A1 (a).....	1.07%	09/2
	Towd Point Mortgage Trust		
1,032,311	Series 15-2, Class 2A1 (a) (c).....	3.75%	11/0
	Wachovia Mortgage Loan Trust, LLC		
420,032	Series 2006-A, Class 3A1 (a).....	2.81%	05/0
	WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates		
290,485	Series 2003-AR5, Class A7 (a).....	2.56%	06/0
742,563	Series 2004-AR1, Class A (a).....	2.45%	03/0
766,675	Series 2004-AR10, Class A1B (a).....	0.85%	07/2
611,688	Series 2004-AR13, Class A1A (a).....	1.15%	11/2
822,393	Series 2005-AR1, Class A1A (a).....	1.07%	01/2
1,155,310	Series 2005-AR11, Class A1A (a).....	0.75%	08/2
1,092,047	Series 2005-AR6, Class 2A1A (a).....	0.66%	04/2
494,872	Series 2005-AR9, Class A1A (a).....	1.07%	07/2
818,469	Series 2006-AR2, Class 1A1 (a).....	2.41%	03/0

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	Washington Mutual Alternative Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates		
39,851	Series 2007-5, Class A11 (b) (d).....	36.92%	06/2
584,335	Washington Mutual MSC Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-RA1, Class 2A .....	7.00%	03/0

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MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)			
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)			
Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities Trust			
\$ 586,824	Series 2003-H, Class A1 (a).....	2.74%	09/0
414,969	Series 2004-A, Class A1 (a).....	2.83%	02/0
1,501,420	Series 2004-R, Class 1A1 (a).....	2.74%	09/0
391,371	Series 2004-S, Class A1 (a).....	2.74%	09/0
760,183	Series 2004-Y, Class 1A2 (a).....	2.80%	11/0
379,115	Series 2005-AR10, Class 2A17 (a).....	2.75%	06/0
791,612	Series 2005-AR16, Class 1A1 (a).....	2.74%	08/0
385,602	Series 2005-AR3, Class 2A1 (a).....	2.74%	03/0
587,663	Series 2005-AR8, Class 1A1 (a).....	2.74%	06/0
265,652	Series 2007-16, Class 1A1 .....	6.00%	12/0
373,461	Series 2007-2, Class 1A13 .....	6.00%	03/0
94,716	Series 2007-8, Class 2A2 .....	6.00%	07/0
COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - 19.5%			
Banc of America Commercial Mortgage Trust			
1,000,000	Series 2006-6, Class AJ .....	5.42%	10/0
650,000	Series 2007-3, Class AJ, STRIP .....	5.57%	06/0
Bayview Commercial Asset Trust			
651,672	Series 2004-2, Class A (a) (c).....	0.86%	08/2
BXHTL Mortgage Trust			
800,000	Series 2015-JWRZ, Class B (a) (c).....	2.13%	05/1
Carefree Portfolio Trust			
1,250,000	Series 2014-CARE, Class B (a) (c).....	2.28%	11/1
Citigroup Commercial Mortgage Trust			
1,525,000	Series 2014-388G, Class B (a) (c).....	1.48%	06/1
COMM Mortgage Trust			
1,000,000	Series 2014-KYO, Class B (a) (c).....	1.73%	06/1
Greenwich Capital Commercial Funding Corp.			
650,000	Series 2007-GG11, Class AJ .....	6.03%	12/0
Hudsons Bay Simon JV Trust			
510,000	Series 2015-HBFL, Class DFL (a) (c).....	4.08%	08/0

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1,040,000	Hyatt Hotel Portfolio Trust Series 2015-HYT, Class B (a) (c).....	2.13%	11/1
153,082	JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Corp Series 2007-CB18, Class A4 .....	5.44%	06/0
835,000	LB-UBS Commercial Mortgage Trust Series 2007-C1, Class AM .....	5.46%	02/1
440,000	Series 2007-C2, Class AM .....	5.49%	02/1
15,186,744	UBS-Barclays Commercial Mortgage Trust Series 2013-C5, Class XA, IO (a) (c).....	1.08%	03/0
990,000	VNDO Mortgage Trust Series 2012-6AVE, Class A (c).....	3.00%	11/0

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MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)			
COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)			
\$ 650,000	Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust Series 2007-C33, Class AJ, STRIP .....	6.15%	02/0
TOTAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES.....			
(Cost \$51,008,558)			
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES - 17.5%			
COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS - 6.5%			
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.			
1,434,365	Series 2807, Class SB, IO (d).....	7.02%	11/1
13,874	Series 3195, Class SX (b) (d).....	43.37%	07/1
1,227,456	Series 3619, Class EI, IO (b).....	4.50%	05/0
838,771	Series 3692, Class PS, IO (b) (d).....	6.17%	05/1
2,672,084	Series 3726, Class KI, IO .....	3.50%	04/0
1,957,602	Series 3870, Class WS, IO (d).....	6.17%	06/1
1,392,436	Series 4206, Class IA, IO (b).....	3.00%	03/0
Federal National Mortgage Association			
507,831	Series 2005-122, Class SN (d).....	26.89%	01/2
54,881	Series 2008-50, Class AI, IO (b).....	5.50%	06/0
3,015,785	Series 2010-103, Class ID, IO (b).....	5.00%	09/0
4,787,236	Series 2010-139, Class KI, IO (b).....	1.09%	12/0
235,225	Series 2010-142, Class PS, IO (b) (d).....	5.62%	05/2
705,179	Series 2010-145, Class TI, IO (b).....	3.50%	12/0
1,509,262	Series 2010-40, Class MI, IO (b).....	4.50%	08/0
3,293,992	Series 2012-112, Class BI, IO .....	3.00%	09/0
2,580,529	Series 2012-125, Class MI, IO (b).....	3.50%	11/0

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3,465,548	Series 2013-32, Class IG, IO (b).....	3.50%	04/0
	Federal National Mortgage Association, STRIP		
2,059,421	Series 406, Class 6, IO (b).....	4.00%	01/0
	Government National Mortgage Association		
483,946	Series 2009-65, Class NJ, IO (b).....	5.50%	07/0
2,039,465	Series 2010-115, Class IQ, IO .....	4.50%	11/0
3,487,099	Series 2011-131, Class EI, IO .....	4.50%	08/0
	PASS-THROUGH SECURITIES - 11.0%		
	Fannie Mae REMICs		
915,276	Series 2005-83, Class LZ .....	5.50%	10/0
	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.		
1,000,000	Gold Pool .....	3.50%	01/3
1,095,065	Pool A94738 (e).....	4.50%	11/0
747,271	Pool K36017 (e).....	5.00%	09/0
	Federal National Mortgage Association		
1,510,477	Pool 831145 (e).....	6.00%	12/0

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U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (CONTINUED)			
	PASS-THROUGH SECURITIES (CONTINUED)		
	Federal National Mortgage Association (Continued)		
\$ 1,335,579	Pool 843971 (e).....	6.00%	11/0
	TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES.....		
	(Cost \$15,961,527)		
ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES - 1.6%			
	Green Tree Financial Corp.		
26,341	Series 1997-2, Class A6 (b).....	7.24%	06/1
42,724	Series 1997-3, Class A6 (b).....	7.32%	03/1
40,638	Series 1997-7, Class A6 (b).....	6.76%	07/1
	Mid-State Capital Corp. Trust		
530,164	Series 2004-1, Class M1 .....	6.50%	08/0
377,836	Series 2005-1, Class A .....	5.75%	01/0
	TOTAL ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES.....		
	(Cost \$1,123,072)		

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TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 95.3%.....  
 (Cost \$68,093,157) (f)

PRINCIPAL VALUE	DESCRIPTION
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REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS - (7.6%)	
(3,159,000)	With JP Morgan 0.70% dated 01/05/16, to be repurchased at \$3,160,781 on 02/03/16.....
(1,905,000)	With JP Morgan 0.70% dated 01/08/16, to be repurchased at \$1,905,963 on 02/03/16.....
	TOTAL REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS.....
	NET OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 12.3%.....
	NET ASSETS - 100.0%.....

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- (a) Floating or variable rate security. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at January 31, 2016.
  - (b) Pursuant to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, this security has been determined to be illiquid by Brookfield Investment Management Inc. ("Brookfield"), the Fund's sub-advisor.

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- (c) This security, sold within the terms of a private placement memorandum, is exempt from registration upon resale under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. Pursuant to procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, this security has been determined to be liquid by Brookfield. Although market instability can result in periods of increased overall market illiquidity, liquidity for each security is determined based on security specific factors and assumptions, which require subjective judgment. At January 31, 2016, securities noted as such amounted to \$14,486,857, or 21.83% of net assets.
- (d) Inverse floating rate instrument. The interest rate shown reflects the rate in effect at January 31, 2016.
- (e) This security or a portion of this security is segregated as collateral for reverse repurchase agreements.
- (f) Aggregate cost for financial reporting purposes, which approximates the aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes. As of January 31, 2016, the aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which

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there was an excess of value over tax cost was \$1,858,594 and the aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value was \$6,676,825.

IO Interest-Only Security - Principal amount shown represents par value on which interest payments are based.

STRIP Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities

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VALUATION INPUTS

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of January 31, 2016 is as follows (see Note 2A - Portfolio Valuation in the Notes to Portfolio of Investments):

ASSETS TABLE				
	TOTAL VALUE AT 1/31/2016	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	LEVEL 3 SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS
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Mortgage-Backed Securities.....	\$ 50,537,925	\$ --	\$ 50,537,925	\$ --
U.S. Government Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities.....	11,645,187	--	11,645,187	--
Asset-Backed Securities.....	1,091,814	--	1,091,814	--
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Total Investments.....	\$ 63,274,926	\$ --	\$ 63,274,926	\$ --
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LIABILITIES TABLE				
	TOTAL VALUE AT 1/31/2016	LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES	LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS	LEVEL 3 SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS
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Reverse Repurchase Agreements .....	\$ (5,064,000)	\$ --	\$ (5,064,000)	\$ --
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All transfers in and out of the Levels during the period are assumed to be transferred on the last day of the period at their current value. There were no transfers between Levels at January 31, 2016.

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1. ORGANIZATION

First Trust Mortgage Income Fund (the "Fund") is a diversified, closed-end



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management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust on February 22, 2005, and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Fund trades under the ticker symbol FMY on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

The Fund, which is an investment company within the scope of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Update 2013-08, follows accounting and reporting guidance under FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, "Financial Services-Investment Companies."

### 2. VALUATION AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES

#### A. PORTFOLIO VALUATION

The net asset value ("NAV") of the Common Shares of the Fund is determined daily, as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE, normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading. If the NYSE closes early on a valuation day, the NAV is determined as of that time. Domestic debt securities and foreign securities are priced using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those securities. The NAV per Common Share is calculated by dividing the value of all assets of the Fund (including accrued interest and dividends), less all liabilities (including accrued expenses, dividends declared but unpaid and any borrowings of the Fund), by the total number of Common Shares outstanding.

The Fund's investments are valued daily at market value or, in the absence of market value with respect to any portfolio securities, at fair value. Market value prices represent last sale or official closing prices from a national or foreign exchange (i.e., a regulated market) and are primarily obtained from third-party pricing services. Fair value prices represent any prices not considered market value prices and are either obtained from a third-party pricing service or are determined by the Pricing Committee of the Fund's investment advisor, First Trust Advisors L.P. ("First Trust" or the "Advisor"), in accordance with valuation procedures adopted by the Fund's Board of Trustees, and in accordance with provisions of the 1940 Act. Investments valued by the Advisor's Pricing Committee, if any, are footnoted as such in the footnotes to the Portfolio of Investments. The Fund's investments are valued as follows:

U.S. government securities, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and other debt securities are fair valued on the basis of valuations provided by dealers who make markets in such securities or by an independent pricing service approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees, which may use the following valuation inputs when available:

- 1) benchmark yields;
- 2) reported trades;
- 3) broker/dealer quotes;
- 4) issuer spreads;
- 5) benchmark securities;
- 6) bids and offers; and
- 7) reference data including market research publications.

Fixed income and other debt securities having a remaining maturity of sixty days or less when purchased are fair valued at cost adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts (amortized cost), provided the Advisor's Pricing Committee has determined that the use of

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amortized cost is an appropriate reflection of fair value given market and issuer-specific conditions existing at the time of the determination. Factors that may be considered in determining the appropriateness of the use of amortized cost include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) the credit conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto;
- 2) the liquidity conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto;
- 3) the interest rate conditions in the relevant market and changes thereto (such as significant changes in interest rates);
- 4) issuer-specific conditions (such as significant credit deterioration); and
- 5) any other market-based data the Advisor's Pricing Committee considers relevant. In this regard, the Advisor's Pricing Committee may use last-obtained market-based data to assist it when valuing portfolio securities using amortized cost.

Certain securities may not be able to be priced by pre-established pricing methods. Such securities may be valued by the Fund's Board of Trustees or its delegate, the Advisor's Pricing Committee, at fair value. These securities generally include, but are not limited to, restricted securities (securities which may not be publicly sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) for which a pricing service is unable to provide a market price; securities whose trading has been formally suspended; a security whose market or fair value price is not available from a pre-established pricing source; a security with respect to which an event has occurred that is likely to materially affect the value of the security after the market has closed but before the calculation of the Fund's NAV or make it difficult or impossible to

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obtain a reliable market quotation; and a security whose price, as provided by the pricing service, does not reflect the security's fair value. As a general principle, the current fair value of a security would appear to be the amount which the owner might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale. When fair value prices are used, generally they will differ from market quotations or official closing prices on the applicable exchanges. A variety of factors may be considered in determining the fair value of such securities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1) the fundamental business data relating to the issuer;
- 2) an evaluation of the forces which influence the market in which these securities are purchased and sold;
- 3) the type, size and cost of security;
- 4) the financial statements of the issuer;

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- 5) the credit quality and cash flow of the issuer, based on the Sub-Advisor's or external analysis;
- 6) the information as to any transactions in or offers for the security;
- 7) the price and extent of public trading in similar securities (or equity securities) of the issuer/borrower, or comparable companies;
- 8) the coupon payments;
- 9) the quality, value and salability of collateral, if any, securing the security;
- 10) the business prospects of the issuer, including any ability to obtain money or resources from a parent or affiliate and an assessment of the issuer's management;
- 11) the prospects for the issuer's industry, and multiples (of earnings and/or cash flows) being paid for similar businesses in that industry; and
- 12) other relevant factors.

The Fund is subject to fair value accounting standards that define fair value, establish the framework for measuring fair value and provide a three-level hierarchy for fair valuation based upon the inputs to the valuation as of the measurement date. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- o Level 1 - Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. An active market is a market in which transactions for the investment occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- o Level 2 - Level 2 inputs are observable inputs, either directly or indirectly, and include the following:
  - o Quoted prices for similar investments in active markets.
  - o Quoted prices for identical or similar investments in markets that are non-active. A non-active market is a market where there are few transactions for the investment, the prices are not current, or price quotations vary substantially either over time or among market makers, or in which little information is released publicly.
  - o Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the investment (for example, interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks, and default rates).
  - o Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- o Level 3 - Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs may reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the investment.

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing investments are not necessarily an

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indication of the risk associated with investing in those investments. A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of January 31, 2016, is included with the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

### B. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME

Securities transactions are recorded as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis.

The Fund invests in interest-only securities. For these securities, if there is a change in the estimated cash flows, based on an evaluation of current information, then the estimated yield is adjusted. Additionally, if the evaluation of current information indicates a permanent impairment of the security, the cost basis of the security is written down and a loss is recognized. Debt obligations may be placed on non-accrual status and the related interest income may be reduced by ceasing current accruals and writing off interest receivables when the collection of all or a portion of interest has become doubtful based on consistently applied procedures. A debt obligation is removed from non-accrual status when the issuer resumes interest payments or when collectability of interest is reasonably assured.

Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitment basis may have extended settlement periods. The value of the security so purchased is subject to market fluctuations during this period. The Fund maintains liquid assets with a current value at least equal to the amount of its when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitments until payment is made. At January 31, 2016, the Fund had no when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward purchase commitments.

### NOTES TO PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### C. REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Reverse repurchase agreements were utilized as leverage for the Fund. A reverse repurchase agreement, although structured as a sale and repurchase obligation, acts as financing under which Fund assets are pledged as collateral to secure a short-term loan. Generally, the other party to the agreement makes the loan in an amount equal to a percentage of the market value of the pledged collateral. At the maturity of the reverse repurchase agreement, the loan will be repaid and the collateral will correspondingly be received back by the Fund. While used as collateral, the assets continue to pay principal and interest which are for the benefit of the Fund.

Information for the fiscal year-to-date period ended January 31, 2016:

Maximum amount outstanding during the period.....	\$5,309,000
Average amount outstanding during the period*.....	\$5,169,011
Average Common Shares outstanding during the period.....	4,213,115
Average debt per Common Share outstanding during the period...	\$1.23

\* The average amount outstanding during the period was calculated by adding the borrowings at the end of each day and dividing the sum by the number of days in the fiscal year-to-date period ended January 31, 2016.

During the fiscal year-to-date period ended January 31, 2016, the interest rates

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ranged from 0.42% to 0.70%, with a weighted average interest rate of 0.60%, on borrowings by the Fund under reverse repurchase agreements, which had interest expense that aggregated \$7,982.

### D. INVERSE FLOATING-RATE SECURITIES

An inverse floating-rate security is one where the coupon is inversely indexed to a short-term floating interest rate multiplied by a specific factor. As the floating rate rises, the coupon is reduced. Conversely, as the floating rate declines, the coupon is increased. The price of these securities may be more volatile than the price of a comparable fixed-rate security. These instruments are typically used to enhance the yield of the portfolio and have the effect of creating leverage. These securities, if any, are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

### E. STRIPPED MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES

Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities are created by segregating the cash flows from underlying mortgage loans or mortgage securities to create two or more new securities, each with a specified percentage of the underlying security's principal or interest payments. Mortgage securities may be partially stripped so that each investor class receives some interest and some principal. When securities are completely stripped, however, all of the interest is distributed to holders of one type of security known as an interest-only security ("IO Security") and all of the principal is distributed to holders of another type of security known as a principal-only security. These securities, if any, are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

### F. INTEREST-ONLY SECURITIES

An IO Security is the interest-only portion of a mortgage-backed security that receives some or all of the interest portion of the underlying mortgage-backed security and little or no principal. A reference principal value called a notional value is used to calculate the amount of interest due to the IO Security. IO Securities are sold at a deep discount to their notional principal amount. Generally speaking, when interest rates are falling and prepayment rates are increasing, the value of an IO Security will fall. Conversely, when interest rates are rising and prepayment rates are decreasing, generally the value of an IO Security will rise. These securities, if any, are identified on the Portfolio of Investments.

## ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

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ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) First Trust Mortgage Income Fund  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ James M. Dykas  
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James M. Dykas, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: March 22, 2016  
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ James M. Dykas  
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James M. Dykas, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: March 22, 2016  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Donald P. Swade  
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Donald P. Swade, Treasurer,  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Chief Accounting Officer  
(principal financial officer)

Date: March 22, 2016  
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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.