STERLING BANCORP Form SC 13D/A August 14, 2008

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 2)

Sterling Bancorp (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

859158107
(CUSIP Number)
Peter D. Goldstein
GAMCO Investors, Inc.
One Corporate Center
Rye, New York 10580-1435
(914) 921-7732
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)
August 13 2008

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

#### CUSIP No.859158107

1 Names of reporting persons

I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)

Gabelli Funds, LLC

I.D. No. 13-4044523

(a)

2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

3 Sec use only

(b)

- 4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 00-Funds of investment advisory clients
- 5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)
- 6 Citizenship or place of organization

New York

Number Of : 7 Sole voting power

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Shares : 441,250 (Item 5)

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Beneficially : 8 Shared voting power

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Owned : None

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By Each : 9 Sole dispositive power

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Reporting : 441,250 (Item 5)

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Person :10 Shared dispositive power

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With : None

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11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

441,250 (Item 5)

- 12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
- Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)

2.45%

Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
IA

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CUSIP No	o. 859158107				
1	Names of reporting persons  I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)  GAMCO Asset Management Inc.  I.D. No. 13-4044521				
2	Check the appropri INSTRUCTIONS)	ate box if a memb	ber of a group (SEE		
	(b)				
3	Sec use only				
4	Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 00-Funds of investment advisory clients				
5	Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)				
6	Citizenship or place of organization New York				
	Number Of	: 7	Sole voting power		
	Shares	: :	810,550 (Item 5)		
	Beneficially	: 8	Shared voting power		
	Owned	:	None		
	By Each	: 9 :	Sole dispositive power		
	Reporting	:	848,865 (Item 5)		
	Person	:10	Shared dispositive power	r	
	With	:	None		
11	Aggregate amount	beneficially owne	ed by each reporting person		
	848,865 (Item 5)				

- 12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
- Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)

4.72%

14 Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

IA, CO

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1 Names of reporting persons

I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)

Teton Advisors, Inc.

I.D. No. 13-4008049

2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)(a)

(b)

- 3 Sec use only
- 4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

00 – Funds of investment advisory clients

- 5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)
- 6 Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

Number Of : 7 Sole voting power

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Shares : 3,900 (Item 5)

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Beneficially : 8 Shared voting power

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Owned : None

By Each : 9 Sole dispositive power

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Reporting : 3,900 (Item 5)

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Person :10 Shared dispositive power

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With : None

11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

3,900 (Item 5)

- 12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
- Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)

0.02%

14 Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IA, CO

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CUSIP	No. 859158107						
1	Names of reporting persons I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only) GGCP, Inc. No. 13-3056041			I.D.			
2	Check the appropri	iate box if a member	of a group (SEE		(a)		
	(b)						
3	Sec use only						
4	Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) None						
5	Check box if disclo	Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)					
6	Citizenship or plac New York	Citizenship or place of organization New York					
	Number Of	: 7	Sole voting power				
	Shares	:	None				
	Beneficially	: 8	Shared voting power				
	Owned	: :	None				
	By Each	: : 9	Sole dispositive power				
	Reporting	: :	None				
	Person	: :10	Shared dispositive pow	/er			
	With	: :	None				
11	Aggregate amount	: Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person					
	None						
12	Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) $ X $						
13	Percent of class rep	Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)					
	0.00%	0.00%					

Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
HC, CO

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1 Names of reporting persons

I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)

GAMCO Investors,

Inc. I.D. No. 13-4007862

2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

- 3 Sec use only
- 4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

None

- 5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)
- 6 Citizenship or place of organization

New York

Number Of : 7 Sole voting power

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Shares : None

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Beneficially : 8 Shared voting power

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Owned : None

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By Each : 9 Sole dispositive power

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Reporting : None

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Person :10 Shared dispositive power

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With : None

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11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

None

12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares