

GENDELL JEFFREY L ET AL
Form SC 13G
February 14, 2011

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G*
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO 13d-2(b)

Northway Financial, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)

667270201
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2010
(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule 13G is filed:

.. Rule 13d-1(b)
x Rule 13d-1(c)
.. Rule 13d-1(d)

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
 Tontine Financial Partners, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP** (a) x
 (b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
 Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
 -0-

6 NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
 235,951

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
 -0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
 235,951

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
 235,951

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES** ..

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
 9.00%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON**
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| 1 | NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Tontine Management, L.L.C. |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP** (a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x (b) <input type="checkbox"/> .. |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY |
| 4 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware |
| 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER -0- |
| 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER 235,951 |
| 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0- |
| 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 235,951 |
| 9 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 235,951 |
| 10 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES** .. |
| 11 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 9.00% |
| 12 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON** OO |

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| 1 | NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Jeffrey L. Gendell |
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| 3 | SEC USE ONLY |
| 4 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States |
| 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER -0- |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 6 SHARED VOTING POWER 235,951 |
| 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0- |
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Item 1 (a). NAME OF ISSUER:

The name of the issuer is Northway Financial, Inc. (the "Company").

Item 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 9 Main Street, Berlin, New Hampshire 03570.

Item 2 (a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

This statement is filed by:

- (i) Tontine Financial Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("TFP") with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by it;
- (ii) Tontine Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware ("TM"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by TFP;
- (iii) Jeffrey L. Gendell, a United States citizen ("Mr. Gendell") with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by TFP.

The foregoing persons are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons." Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party.

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Item 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

The address of the business office of each of the Reporting Persons is 55 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

Item 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

See Item 2(a) above.

Item 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value (the "Common Stock")

Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER:

667270201

Item 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b) OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) .. Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
- (b) .. Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,
- (c) .. Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
- (d) .. Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940,
- (e) .. Investment Adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b)(1)(ii)(E),
- (f) .. Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F),
- (g) .. Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G),
- (h) .. Savings Association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act,
- (i) .. Church Plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940,

(j) " Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Not applicable.

Item 4. OWNERSHIP.

A. Tontine Financial Partners, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 235,951
- (b) Percent of class: 9.00% The percentages used herein and in the rest of Item 4 are calculated based upon the 2,620,755 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of March 29, 2010, as reflected in the Company's Proxy Statement filed on April 13, 2010.
- (c)
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 235,951
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 235,951

B. Tontine Management, L.L.C.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 235,951
- (b) Percent of class: 9.00%
- (c)
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 235,951
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 235,951

C. Jeffrey L. Gendell

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 235,951
 - (b) Percent of class: 9.00%
 - (c)
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 235,951
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 235,951
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Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.

Not applicable.

Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

TM, the general partner of TFP, has the power to direct the affairs of TFP, including decisions respecting the disposition of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of the Company. Mr. Gendell is the managing member of TM, and in that capacity directs its operations.

Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.

Not applicable.

Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

See Item 2.

Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.

Not applicable.

Item 10. CERTIFICATION.

Each of the Reporting Persons hereby makes the following certification:

By signing below each Reporting Person certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: February 14, 2011

/s/ JEFFREY L. GENDELL
Jeffrey L. Gendell, individually, and as
managing member of
Tontine Management, L.L.C.,
general partner of
Tontine Financial Partners, L.P.

EXHIBIT 1

JOINT ACQUISITION STATEMENT

PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the others, except to the extent that he or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

DATED: February 14, 2011

Tontine Management, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Jeffrey L. Gendell
Name: Jeffrey L. Gendell
Title: Authorized Signatory

Tontine Financial Partners, L.P.

By: Tontine Management, L.L.C., its
general partner

By: /s/ Jeffrey L. Gendell
Name: Jeffrey L. Gendell
Title: Authorized Signatory

Jeffrey L. Gendell

By: /s/ Jeffrey L. Gendell
Name: Jeffrey L. Gendell