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

SCHEDULE 13D Under The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 14)\*

First Empire State Corporation
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$5.00 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

320076102 -----(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

April 1, 1998
-----(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Robert G. Wilmers

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) |X|

(b) | |

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): PF, BK, 00

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLAC	CE OF ORG		
NUMBER OF	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER: 672,126	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER:	
	9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 672,126	
WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:	
11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BE 672,126	ENEFICIAL	LY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:	
12. CHECK IF THE AGGREC (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	GATE AMOU	NT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	
13. PERCENT OF CLASS RE 8.2%	PRESENTE	D BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):	
14 TYPE OF REPORTING F	PERSON (S	EE INSTRUCTIONS): IN	

	west Ferry Foundation							
2.	(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)							
 3.	(b)     SEC USE ONLY							
4.	SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 00							
5.	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)							
6.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE O	F ORGA						
	AUMPED OF	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER: 23,000					
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER:					
	*=	9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 23,000					
		10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:					
11.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEF 23,000	ICIALL	Y OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:					
12.	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	AMOUN	T IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	6	1 1			
13.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): .3%							
14.	. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 00							

-----6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: Liechtenstein 7. SOLE VOTING POWER: 451,320 NUMBER OF 8. SHARED VOTING POWER: SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: PFRSON 451,320 WITH 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 0 11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON: 451,320 12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): 5.6% 14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 00

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: Liechtenstein

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WITH

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:
320,400

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

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11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

320,400

12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS) | |

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):
4.0%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): CO

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2.	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							
5.	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSUR TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)	E OF L	EGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT	Γ	1 1			
6.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE O	F ORGA	NIZATION: British Virgin Islands					
	NUMBER OF	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER: 30,200					
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY		SHARED VOTING POWER:					
	EACH REPORTING PERSON	9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 30,200					
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:					
11.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEF 30,200		Y OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:					
12.			T IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	6	1.1			
13.	3. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): .4%							
14.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERS	ON (SE						

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

2,700

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2,700

12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS) | |

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): 0.03%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): CO

	Alauda Investments Ltd.							
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	BOX IF	A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a)	X			
	,			(b)				
3.	SEC USE ONLY							
4.	. SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): WC							
5.	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSUR TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)	E OF LI	EGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT					
6.	3. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: Gilbraltar							
	NUMBER OF	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER: 317,700					
	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER:					
	******== = *	9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 317,700					
	WIIN	10.						
11.	11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON: 317,700							
12.	12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)							
13.	13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): 3.9%							
14.	14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): CO							

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1.	. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)							
	Grantor Retained Annu 13-701557	ity Tr	ust No. 4					
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(SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (t								
3.	B. SEC USE ONLY							
4.	SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE	INSTRU	CTIONS): 00					
5.	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)							
6.	6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: New York							
	NUMBER OF	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER: 23,703					
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY		SHARED VOTING POWER:					
	OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 23,703					
		10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:					
11.	11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON: 23,703							
12.	2. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)							
13.	13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): .3%							
14.	L4. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 00							

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1.	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)							
	Grantor Retained Annuity Trust No. 5 13-701558							
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)  X  (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)							
	(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			(b)				
3.	SEC USE ONLY							
4.	SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 00							
 5.	TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)							
6.	. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: New York							
	NUMBER OF	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER: 27,923					
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER: 0					
		9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 27,923					
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:					
 11.	27,923		LY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:					
 12.			NT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	;				
 13.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRI	ESENTE	D BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):					
14.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERS	SON (SE	EE INSTRUCTIONS): 00					
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1.	NAMES OF REPORTING PEI		OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)	====	======			
	Grantor Retained Annuity Trust No. 6 13-701559							
2.	. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)  X  (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)							
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3.	SEC USE ONLY							
4.	SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 00							
5.	TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)							
6.	. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: New York							
	NUMBER OF	7.	SOLE VOTING POWER: 30,896					
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	8.	SHARED VOTING POWER: 0					
		9.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 30,896					
	WITH	10.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:					
 11.	30,896		LY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:					
12.	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)							
 13.	. 4%		D BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):					
 14.	TYPE OF REPORTING PER							
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#### Amendment No. 14 to Schedule 13D

The Schedule 13D, dated May 8, 1980, as amended, of Robert G. Wilmers, West Ferry Foundation, REM Foundation, Hofin Anstalt, Argali [BVI] Limited, Bikala Holdings Ltd., Alauda Investments Ltd., Grantor Retained Annuity Trust No. 4, Grantor Retained Annuity Trust No. 5, and Grantor Retained Annuity Trust No. 6 (collectively, the "Reporting Persons") is hereby amended as set forth below. As a result of distributions in accordance with the terms of each trust, Grantor Retained Annuity Trust No. 2 and Grantor Retained Annuity Trust No. 3 have ceased to be reporting persons for the purposes of this Schedule 13D.

Capitalized terms used herein without definition have the meanings set forth in Amendment No. 13 to this Schedule 13D. This Amendment No. 14 to Schedule 13D should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the Schedule 13D and Amendments Nos. 1 through 13 thereto.

#### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is amended as set forth below:

Robert G. Wilmers is a director and president and chief executive officer of First Empire and Jorge G. Pereira, the owner of Hofin Anstalt, is a director and vice chairman of the Board of Directors of First Empire. In their capacities with First Empire, these persons may from time to time consider plans or proposals relating to: the acquisition or disposition of securities of First Empire; extraordinary corporate transactions involving First Empire or any of its subsidiaries; selling or transferring a material amount of assets of First Empire or any subsidiaries; changing the present board of directors or management of First Empire; materially changing the present capitalization or dividend policy of First Empire, making other material changes in First Empire's business or corporate structure; changing First Empire's charter, bylaws or instruments corresponding thereto or other actions which may affect control of First Empire; causing the First Empire common stock to no longer be quoted on the American Stock Exchange; causing the First Empire common stock to become eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or taking any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

Other than as described herein, the Reporting Persons do not have any plans or proposals which relate to or would result in any of the foregoing actions.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a)-(b) The aggregate number and percentage of outstanding Shares beneficially owned by each Reporting Person are set forth below. Unless otherwise indicated, each

Reporting Person has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to the First Empire Shares listed opposite his name.

Number of First Empire	Percentage of Outstanding First Empire Shares Owned(1)
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672,126(2)	8.2%
23,000	.3%
451,320	5.6%
320,400(3)	4.0%
2,700	0.03%
317,700	3.9%
30,200	. 4%
23,703	. 3%
27,923	. 3%
30,896	. 4%
1,474,046	18.0%
	First Empire Shares Owned  672,126(2) 23,000 451,320 320,400(3) 2,700 317,700 30,200 23,703 27,923 30,896

- (1) Based upon 8,100,085 Shares outstanding as of the close of business on April 2, 1998. In calculating the beneficial ownership percentage for Mr. Wilmers and the aggregate percentage for all of the Reporting Persons, Shares subject to options held by Mr. Wilmers which are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days from the date hereof are added to the total Shares outstanding.
- Includes the 23,000 Shares owned by the West Ferry Foundation, a (2) charitable trust formed by Mr. Wilmers, as to which Mr. Wilmers, as trustee, holds sole voting and dispositive power and 82,522 Shares held, in the aggregate, by the Trusts. Also includes (i) 96,000 Shares subject to employee stock options granted to Mr. Wilmers which are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof, (ii) 3,392 Shares allocated under First Empire's Retirement Savings Plan as of December 31, 1997, and (iii) 3,610 Shares held by a close relative or the estate of a close relative as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed. Excludes (i) 30,000 Shares subject to stock options which will become exercisable over the course of the following 3 years, and (ii) 198 phantom Shares allocated to Mr. Wilmers under a supplemental 401(k) plan as of December 31, 1997. Other than the transactions set forth in Item 5 below, there were no transactions within the last sixty days by any Reporting Persons with respect to the First Empire Shares.
- (3) Since Hofin Anstalt is the sole stockholder of Alauda Investments Ltd. and Bikala Holdings Ltd., its beneficial ownership includes Shares held by such entities. Excludes 7 shares held directly by Jorge G. Pereira, a director and vice chairman of First Empire and owner of Hofin Anstalt.

Since the filing of Amendment No. 13 to this Schedule 13D, the percentage of Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons have changed primarily as a result of the issuance of 1,429,998 Shares by First Empire on April 1, 1998 in connection with its acquisition of ONBANCorp, Inc. on April 1, 1998.

(c) Information with respect to transactions during the last 60 days by the Reporting Persons is set forth in Schedule I hereto.

#### Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

None.

#### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

By signing this Amendment No. 14, each Reporting Person acknowledges and agrees that the Schedule 13D, as amended hereby, is filed on such Reproting Person's behalf and agrees to such joint filing in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### SIGNATURES

April 24, 1998 (Date)	/s/ Robert G. Wilmers Robert G. Wilmers
	REM FOUNDATION
April 24, 1998	By: /s/ Rene Merkt
(Date)	Rene Merkt, Director
	WEST FERRY FOUNDATION
April 24, 1998	By: /s/ Robert G. Wilmers
(Date)	Robert G. Wilmers, Trustee
	HOFIN ANSTALT
April 24, 1998	HOFIN ANSTALT  By: /s/ Jorge G. Pereira
April 24, 1998 (Date)	
	By: /s/ Jorge G. Pereira
	By: /s/ Jorge G. Pereira Jorge G. Pereira, Director
(Date)	By: /s/ Jorge G. Pereira Jorge G. Pereira, Director  ALAUDA INVESTMENTS LTD.
(Date)  April 24, 1998	By: /s/ Jorge G. Pereira Jorge G. Pereira, Director  ALAUDA INVESTMENTS LTD.  By: /s/ Jorge G. Pereira
(Date)  April 24, 1998	By: /s/ Jorge G. Pereira Jorge G. Pereira, Director  ALAUDA INVESTMENTS LTD.  By: /s/ Jorge G. Pereira Jorge G. Pereira, Director

ARGALI [BVI] LIMITED April 24, 1998 By: /s/ Chiquita G.M. Harding (Date) Chiquita G.M. Harding, President GRANTOR RETAINED ANNUITY TRUST NO. 4 April 24, 1998 By: /s/ Robert G. Wilmers Robert G. Wilmers, Trustee (Date) By: /s/ Ira H. Jolles April 24, 1998 ------(Date) Ira H. Jolles, Trustee GRANTOR RETAINED ANNUITY TRUST NO. 5 April 24, 1998 By: /s/ Robert G. Wilmers Robert G. Wilmers, Trustee (Date) April 24, 1998 By: /s/ Ira H. Jolles -----(Date) Ira H. Jolles, Trustee GRANTOR RETAINED ANNUITY TRUST NO. 6 April 24, 1998 By: /s/ Robert G. Wilmers -----(Date) Robert G. Wilmers, Trustee April 24, 1998 By: /s/ Ira H. Jolles

Ira H. Jolles, Trustee

(Date)

## SCHEDULE I

(1) Person Effecting Transaction	(2) Date of Transaction	(3) Number of Shares Disposed of	(4) Price Per Share	(5) Where and How Effected
Robert G. Wilmers	4/3/98	20	n/a	gift