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Form 8-K
September 14, 2001

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 14, 2001

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-15213	06-1187536
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Webster Plaza, Waterbury, Connecticut 06702

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 753-2921

Not Applicable

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On September 14, 2001, Webster Financial Corporation ("Webster") issued a press release announcing the commencement of a stock repurchase program of up to 2.5 million shares, or approximately 5 percent of Webster's 49.5 million shares of outstanding common stock. That press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	Press release, dated September 14, 2001

SIGNATURES

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

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION.
(Registrant)

/s/ Peter J. Swiatek

Peter J. Swiatek
Controller

Date: September 14, 2001

EXHIBIT INDEX

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