

LINDNER CARL H III  
Form SC 13D/A  
October 27, 2011

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO 13d-2(a)

Amendment No. 5

American Financial Group, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no par value  
(Title of Class of Securities)

025932 10 4  
(CUSIP Number)

Karl J. Grafe, Esq.  
301 East Fourth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(513) 579-2540  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

October 17, 2011  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box [  ]

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13D

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION, NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS

Carl H. Lindner III

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [ ]  
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS  
IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States Citizen

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
WITH:

7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
2,780,651

8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
3,893,673

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
4,544,151

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
4,182,930

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
8,727,081

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

[ ]

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

8.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Schedule 13D is filed on behalf of Carl H. Lindner III (the "Reporting Person"), to amend and update his Schedule 13D most recently amended on August 7, 2009, relative to the Common Stock, No Par Value per share ("Common Stock") issued by American Financial Group, Inc. ("AFG").

The principal executive offices of AFG are located at One East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

- (a) Carl H. Lindner III
- (b) One East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
- (c) Individual Investor
- (d) None
- (e) None
- (f) United States Citizen

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

N/A

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Upon the death of the Reporting Person's father on October 17, 2011, the Reporting Person acquired voting and dispositive power over 1,262,166 shares of AFG common stock.

The Reporting Person considers his beneficial ownership of AFG equity securities as an investment which he continues to evaluate. Although he has no present plans to do so, from time to time the Reporting Person may acquire additional AFG equity securities or dispose of some or all of the AFG equity securities which he beneficially owns.

Except as set forth in this Item 4, the Reporting Person presently has no plans or proposals that relate to or would result in any of the actions specified in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

As of October 18, 2011, the Reporting Person beneficially owned 8,727,081 shares (or approximately 8.8% of the outstanding shares) of Common Stock, which amount includes: 36,601 shares held by a trust over which his spouse has voting and dispositive power; 289,257 shares held in two trusts over which his spouse has dispositive power; 1,468,500 shares held in a limited liability company over which shares he holds dispositive power; 2,515,000 shares owned by a limited liability company over which he shares voting and dispositive power; 2,780,651 shares held in a trust for which he holds voting and dispositive power; 1,024,446 shares held in two trusts over which he shares voting and dispositive power; 306,939 held by a foundation over which he shares voting and dispositive power; 742 shares held by one of his children; 9,945 shares held in a charitable foundation over which he shares voting and dispositive power; and 295,000 shares which may be acquired within 60 days through the exercise of employee stock options.

The above shares do not include 1,964,904 shares which are held in various trusts for the benefit of his family for which third parties act as trustee with voting and dispositive power.

Within the 60-day period preceding the date of filing of this Amendment to Schedule 13D, the Reporting Person had engaged in the following transactions.

Date	Transaction	Number of Shares Acquired/(Disposed)	Price
8/17/2011	Gift	(1,428)	n/a
8/25/2011	Gift	(4,813)	n/a
8/30/2011	Gift	(9,039)	n/a
8/31/2011	Gift	(18,073)	n/a
9/30/2011	Grat Distribution	39,763	n/a

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

None

Item 7. Material to be filed as Exhibits.

- (1) Power of Attorney executed in connection with filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (previously filed).

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

Dated: October 27, 2011

/s/ Karl J. Grafe

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Karl J. Grafe, As Attorney-in-Fact for:  
Carl H. Lindner III