

Simplicity Bancorp, Inc.
Form SC 13D
February 24, 2014

CUSIP No. 828867101

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Amendment No. ____)

(Rule 13d-101)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Simplicity Bancorp, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

828867101

(CUSIP Number)

Clover Partners, L.P.
100 Crescent Court, Suite 575
Dallas, TX 75201

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

- with copies to -
Phillip M. Goldberg
Foley & Lardner LLP
321 North Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610
(312) 832-4549

January 31, 2014

(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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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

MHC Mutual Conversion Fund, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) £

(b) £

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO £
ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Texas

NUMBER OF

7

SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

436,427

BENEFICIALLY

8

SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

0

EACH

9

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

436,427

PERSON

10

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

436,427

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

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

5.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON		
	Clover Partners, L.P.		
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	OO/AF		
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	ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)		
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		
	Texas		
	NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
	SHARES		0
	BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
	OWNED BY		436,427
	EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	REPORTING		0
	PERSON	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	WITH		436,427
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
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	SHARES		
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Clover Investments, L.L.C.

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Michael C. Mewhinney

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) £

(b) £

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO/AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO £
ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
USA

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 436,427

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 436,427

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
436,42712 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN £
SHARES

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

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IN

SCHEDULE 13D

This Schedule 13D (this “Schedule 13D”) is being filed on behalf of MHC Mutual Conversion Fund, L.P., a Texas limited partnership (the “Fund”), Clover Partners, L.P., a Texas limited partnership and the general partner of the Fund (the “GP”), Clover Investments, L.L.C., a Texas limited liability company and the general partner of the GP (“Clover”), and Michael C. Mewhinney, the principal of Clover (collectively, the “MHC Mutual Conversion Fund Group”), relating to common stock (\$0.01 par value) (the “Common Stock”) of Simplicity Bancorp, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the “Issuer”).

With regard to the MHC Mutual Conversion Fund Group, this Schedule 13D relates to Common Stock of the Issuer purchased by the GP through the account of the Fund. The Fund may direct the vote and disposition of the 436,427 shares of Common Stock it holds directly. The GP serves as the investment adviser and general partner to the Fund and may direct the vote and disposition of the 436,427 shares of Common Stock held by the Fund. Clover serves as the general partner of the GP and may direct the GP to direct the vote and disposition of the 436,427 shares of Common Stock held by the Fund. As the manager of Clover, Mewhinney may direct the vote and disposition of the 436,427 shares of Common Stock held by the Fund.

Item 1. Security and Issuer

Securities acquired: Common Stock

Issuer: Simplicity Bancorp, Inc.
1359 N Grand Avenue
Covina, California 91724

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) This Schedule 13D is jointly filed by the Fund, the GP, Clover and Mr. Mewhinney. Because Mr. Mewhinney is the manager of Clover, which is the general partner of the GP (with Mr. Mewhinney, the Fund and Clover hereinafter referred to as the “Controlling Persons”), the Controlling Persons may be deemed, pursuant to Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act, to be the beneficial owners of all of the Common Stock held by the Fund.

Each of the members of the MHC Mutual Conversion Fund Group identified in this Schedule 13D is referred to as a “Reporting Person” and, collectively, as the “Reporting Persons”. Each of the Reporting Persons is a party to that certain Joint Filing Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

The Reporting Persons are filing this Schedule 13D jointly, as they may be considered a “group” under Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act. However, neither the fact of this filing nor anything contained herein shall be deemed to be an admission by the Reporting Persons that such a group exists.

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(b) The principal place of business for each of the Reporting Persons is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 575, Dallas, TX 75201.

(c) The principal occupation of Mr. Mewhinney is serving as the managing member of Clover. The principal business of Clover is acting as the general partner of the GP. The principal business of the GP is investment management. The principal business of the Fund is investing in securities.

(d) During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons have been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons have been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and, as a result of such proceeding, were or are subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) The Fund, the GP and Clover are organized under the laws of the State of Texas. Mr. Mewhinney is a citizen of the United States of America.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds

As of the date of this Schedule 13D, the Fund had invested \$6,489,937.74 (inclusive of brokerage commissions) in Common Stock of the Issuer. The source of these funds was the working capital of the Fund.

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction

The Reporting Persons purchased the Common Stock for investment purposes. The MHC Mutual Conversion Fund Group's intent is to influence the policies of the Issuer and assert shareholder rights, with a goal of maximizing the value of the Common Stock.

Consistent with its investment purpose, the MHC Mutual Conversion Fund Group has engaged and will continue to engage in communications with one or more officers of the Issuer and/or one or more members of the board of directors of the Issuer (the "Board"), and/or one or more representatives of the Issuer regarding the Issuer, including, but not limited to its business, management, operations, assets, capitalization, financial condition, governance, strategy and future plans.

The Reporting Persons may purchase, sell or transfer Common Stock beneficially owned by them from time to time in public transactions depending on economic considerations and, subject to the below, the results of such communications. Any such transactions may be effected at any time or from time to time subject to any applicable limitations imposed on the sale of the Common Stock by applicable law.

Except to the extent the foregoing may be deemed a plan or proposal, the Reporting Persons have no plans or proposals which relate to, or could result in, any of the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) through (j), inclusive, of the instructions to Item 4 of the Schedule 13D. The Reporting Persons may, at any time and from time to time, review or reconsider their position and/or change their purpose and/or formulate plans or proposals with respect thereto.

Item 5.

Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) - (b) The MHC Mutual Conversion Fund Group beneficially owns 436,427 shares of Common Stock, which represents 5.7% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock. The percentage of beneficial ownership of the Reporting Persons, as reported in this Schedule 13D, was calculated by dividing (i) the total number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the MHC Mutual Conversion Fund Group as of February 14, 2014, as set forth in this Schedule 13D, by (ii) the 7,621,627, shares of Common Stock outstanding as of February 5, 2014, according to the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014.

The GP, in its capacity as investment manager and general partner to the Fund has power to vote the 436,427 shares of Common Stock and the power to dispose of the 436,427 shares of Common Stock held in the Fund. Clover, in its capacity as general partner of the GP and Mr. Mewhinney, as the managing member of Clover, may each be deemed to beneficially own the Common Stock held in the Fund.

(c) Other than the Fund, none of the other Reporting Persons has effected any transactions in the Common Stock within the past sixty days. The Fund effected the following transactions within the past sixty days:

Date	Number of Shares Purchased	Price Per Share	Where and How Transaction Effected
01/29/2014	86,000	16.40	Open market
01/31/2014	73,951	16.40	Open market

The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be construed as admission that the GP, Clover, or Mr. Mewhinney is for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Exchange Act the beneficial owner of any of the 436,427 shares of Common Stock owned by the Fund. Pursuant to Rule 13d-4, the GP, Clover, and Mr. Mewhinney disclaim all such beneficial ownership.

(d) No person other than the Reporting Persons is known to have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the Common Stock.

(e) Not applicable.

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

With respect to the Fund, GP is entitled to (1) an allocation of a portion of profits, if any, and (2) a management fee based upon a percentage of total capital.

Other than the foregoing agreements and arrangements, and the Joint Filing Agreement, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships among the persons named in Item 2 hereof and between such persons and any person with respect to any securities of the Issuer.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement by and among the Reporting Persons

SIGNATURES

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

Dated: February 21, 2014

MHC Mutual Conversion Fund, L.P.

By: Clover Partners, L.P.

By: Clover Investments, L.L.C., general partner

By: /s/ John Guerry

Name: John Guerry

Title: Principal

Clover Partners, L.P.

By: Clover Investments, L.L.C., general partner

By: /s/ John Guerry

Name: John Guerry

Title: Principal

Clover Investments, L.L.C.

By: /s/ John Guerry

Name: John Guerry

Title: Principal

/s/ Michael C. Mewhinney

Michael C. Mewhinney