#### HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC

Form 4

March 14, 2017

# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

Symbol

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

			INC [HTLF]			(Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1398 CENT	, , ,	(Month	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2017				Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP, Principal Acctg Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DUBUQUE	, IA 52001						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State) (	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	on(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	ed of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock							8,626	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2017		M	146	A	\$ 50.2	8,772	D	
Common Stock							654 (1)	I	401 (k)
Common Stock							421.092 (1)	I	IRA
Common Stock							265	I	Pension Plan

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A)	) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>						(3)	(3)	Common Stock	650
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	324
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	650
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	649
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	516

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2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)					<u>(8)</u>	(8)	Common Stock	1,084
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	650
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(10)	(10)	Common Stock	650
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)	03/11/2017	1	F	217	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	433
2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(11)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	233

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Ketationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

Quick Janet M 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001

EVP, Principal Acctg Officer

### **Signatures**

/s/ Janet M
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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Based on a plan statement dated October 2016
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (3) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (4) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (5) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.

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- (6) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-19-2017, 1/3 vest on 1-19-2018, and 1/3 vest on 1-19-2019.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (9) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-20-2018, 1/3 vest on 1-20-2019, and 1/3 vest on 1-20-2020.
- (10) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 3-11-2017, 1/3 vest on 3-11-2018, and 1/3 vest on 3-11-2019.
- (11) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-22-2016, 1/3 vest on 1-22-2017, and 1/3 vest on 1-22-2018.

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