

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MILLER MELVIN E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC [HTLF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1398 CENTRAL AVE.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/12/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Investment Officer

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/12/2008		M	2,000 A \$ 12	0 ⁽⁵⁾	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2008		S	2,000 D \$ 22.61	14,064 ⁽³⁾	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock					9,230	I	IRA
Common Stock					7,680	I	Retirement Fund
Common Stock					3,899 ⁽⁴⁾	I	HRT Retirement Plan

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12	08/12/2008		M	2,000	(2) 01/02/2009		Common Stock	0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12					(2) 01/17/2010		Common Stock	3,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.67					(2) 06/01/2011		Common Stock	3,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.8					(2) 01/15/2012		Common Stock	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.84					(2) 01/21/2013		Common Stock	4,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.48					(2) 01/20/2014		Common Stock	3,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21					(2) 02/10/2015		Common Stock	5,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.6					(2) 02/06/2016		Common Stock	1,500
	\$ 29.65					(2) 01/16/2017			1,500

Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)				Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.6	(2)	01/24/2018	Common Stock	2,50

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MILLER MELVIN E 1398 CENTRAL AVE. DUBUQUE, IA 52001			Chief Investment Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Melvin E.
Miller

08/13/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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) Shares held jointly with reporting person's spouse.
- (2) Represents options to buy granted under the Company's Stock Option Plan, a Rule 16(b)(3) plan, which options vest one-third per year beginning on the 3rd anniversary of date of grant.
- (3) Includes 4,175 Restricted Stock Awards granted under the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (4) Represents shares allocated to the reporting person's account under the Heartland Financial USA, Inc. Retirement Plan as a result of the Pension Plan Protection Act of 2006.
- (5) Double line entry - see next line for total.

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