

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC

Form 4

November 22, 2016

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Townsend Andrew 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)
11/21/2016

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
EVP, Chief Credit Officer

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

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
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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						1,163	I 401(k)
Common Stock						20,551	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	11/21/2016		M		1,000	A \$ 18.6	20,551 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock	11/21/2016		F		387	A \$ 42.5	20,938 D ⁽¹⁾

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
2012 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(3)					(4) (4)	Common Stock 625
2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(3)					(5) (5)	Common Stock 933
2014 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(3)					(6) (6)	Common Stock 1,11
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(3)					(7) (7)	Common Stock 1,25
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(3)					(8) (8)	Common Stock 875
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(3)					(9) (9)	Common Stock 1,25
	(3)					(10) (10)	1,31

2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)								Common Stock	
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(3)				(10)	(10)		Common Stock	657
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(3)				(11)	(11)		Common Stock	1,23
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right To Buy)	\$ 18.6				(12)	01/24/2018		Common Stock	1,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right To Buy)	\$ 18.6	11/21/2016	M	1,000	(12)	01/24/2018		Common Stock	\$ 0
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(3)				(11)	(11)		Common Stock	2,00 (13)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Townsend Andrew E 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001			EVP, Chief Credit Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Andrew E
Townsend

11/22/2016

__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) These shares are held in Jt. Ten.

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- (2) multi-line entry...see next line for total
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (4) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-17-2015, 1/3 vest on 1-17-2016, and 1/3 vest on 1-17-2017.
- (5) 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.
- (6) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2017 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (7) 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.
- (8) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2018 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) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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.
- (13) These shares were inadvertently removed within a previous Form 4A due to administrative error.

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