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FORM 4

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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 * 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) 1398 CENT	· · ·	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/19/2019			below)	Officer (give title Other (specify			
File				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 Form filed by More than One Reporting		
DUBUQUE						Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock				Couc	rimount	(D)	THEC	27,689	D (1)	
Common Stock	03/19/2019			M	342	A	\$ 45.77	28,031	D	
Common Stock								1,163	I	401(k)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	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
2019 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	0
2019 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)	03/19/2019		A	1,622	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,622
2019 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	0
2019 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)	03/19/2019		A	1,622	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,622
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	523
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)					<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	1,047
•	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>		177

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2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)							Common Stock	
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)				<u>(8)</u>	(8)	Common Stock	344
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)				<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	516
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)				<u>(10)</u>	(10)	Common Stock	631
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>				<u>(11)</u>	(11)	Common Stock	484 (12)
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)	03/19/2019	M	[48	84 <u>(11)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	0
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)				<u>(13)</u>	<u>(13)</u>	Common Stock	417

Reporting Owners

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

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/s/ Andrew E Townsend 03/21/2019

**Signature of Reporting Date

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- ** 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.
- (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 on 3-6-2020, 1/3 vest on 3-6-2021, and 1/3 vest on 3-6-2022.
- (4) These restricted stock units vest in 2022 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer
- (5) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 3-6-2019, 1/3 vest on 3-6-2020, and 1/3 vest on 3-6-2021.
- (6) These restricted stock units vest in 2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest on 3-6-2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (9) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (10) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (11) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (12) Reflects the forfeiture of 173 Performance Based Restricted Stock Units granted but not earned during performance period.
- (13) 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.

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