

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 *
 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)
 03/08/2017

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

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

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

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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					1,163	I	401(k)
Common Stock					23,260	D <u>(1)</u>	

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)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	467
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(4)	(4)	Common Stock	1,250
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(5)	(5)	Common Stock	1,250
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(6)	(6)	Common Stock	875
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(7)	(7)	Common Stock	1,333
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(7)	(7)	Common Stock	826 (8)
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)					(9)	(9)	Common Stock	1,379

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- (6) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2018 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (7) 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.
- (8) These restricted stock units were granted outside of the annual awarding of restricted stock units due to employment change.
- (9) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (10) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (11) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (12) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.

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