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HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC Form 11-K March 26, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 11K

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002

OR

[]	TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
	For transition period to
	Commission File Number: 33-76228

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

Heartland Financial USA, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

> Heartland Financial USA, Inc. 1398 Central Avenue Dubuque, IA 52001

REQUIRED INFORMATION

The Heartland Financial USA, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan is not subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. Accordingly, the audited financial statements prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 11-K are provided as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 11-K.

SIGNATURES

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The Plan

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

BY: /s/ John K. Schmidt _____

John K. Schmidt

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 26, 2003

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EXHIBIT INDEX TO ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 11-K

Exhibit

No. Description

Auditors' Consent 99.1 Financial Statements