COYLE MICHAEL J

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Issuer

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC [HTLF]					USA	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1398 CENT	, ,	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2018						Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						EVP Senior General Counsel 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DUBUQUE							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non	ı-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			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									7,167	D		
Common Stock	01/22/2018			M		247	A	\$ 55.55	7,414	D		
Common Stock	01/20/2018			M		225	A	\$ 55.5	7,639	D		
Common Stock	01/19/2018			M		187	A	\$ 55.5	7,826	D		
Common Stock	01/19/2018			M		140	A	\$ 55.5	7,966	D		

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Common Stock 2,000 I 401K

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. 5. Number Transaction f Code Derivative (Instr. 8) 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. D Se (I
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)					<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	654	
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)	01/19/2018		F	218	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	436	
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(1)</u>					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	327	
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	Ш					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	399	
2016 Time-Based Restricted	(1)					<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	582	

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Stock									
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)	01/19/2018	F	291	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	291	\$
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(1)</u>				<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	463	
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(1)				<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	972	
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)				<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock	1,050	
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(1)</u>	01/20/2018	F	350	<u>(8)</u>	(8)	Common Stock	700	\$
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(1)</u>				<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	700	
2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)				(10)	(10)	Common Stock	385	
2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)	01/22/2018	F	385	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	0	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
COYLE MICHAEL J 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001			EVP Senior General Counsel				

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/s/ Michael J.

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**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (2) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (3) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (4) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (5) 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.
- (6) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.

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