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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC [HTLF]				JSA	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1398 CENT	(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 1398 CENTRAL AVE 03/06/2019					Director 10% Owner Solution Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP, Principal Acctg Officer					
DUBUQUE	(Street)			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 Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Aco	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	on(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	ed of	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)	
Common Stock								11,626	D		
Common Stock	03/06/2019			M	144	A	\$ 48.1	11,770	D		
Common Stock								432.009 (1)	I	IRA	
Common Stock								265	I	Pension Plan	
Common Stock								919 (1)	I	401 (k)	

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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)	onof Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. I Dec Sec (In
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>						(3)	(3)	Common Stock	431	
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>	03/06/2019		M		144	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	287	\$
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	575	
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>						(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	431	
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	217	
2017 Performance	<u>(2)</u>						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	325	

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Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)					
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	397
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	516
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	217
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)	(11)	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	217

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Director 10% Owner Officer

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1398 CENTRAL AVE EVP, Principal Acctg Officer

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

Signatures

/s/ Janet M 03/08/2019 Quick

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Based on a plan statement dated October 2016 **(1)**
- **(2)** Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- 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. **(3)**

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- (4) These restricted stock units vest in 2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (5) These restricted stock units vest on 3-6-2021 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (6) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (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 on 1-20-2018, 1/3 vest on 1-20-2019, and 1/3 vest on 1-20-2020.
- (11) 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.

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