

Fuller Lynn Heitz
Form 4
January 22, 2018

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Fuller Lynn Heitz

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)
01/18/2018

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Retail Banking Director, SVP

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

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
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Person

(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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	01/18/2018		M	608	A	\$ 54.85	7,804.8223
							7,196.8223
							D ⁽¹⁾
							D

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. I De Sec (In	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	706
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)					(4)	(4)	Common Stock	353
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)					(5)	(5)	Common Stock	408 (6)
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)					(7)	(7)	Common Stock	654
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)					(8)	(8)	Common Stock	520
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)					(9)	(9)	Common Stock	1,092

2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>				<u>(10)</u>	<u>(10)</u>	Common Stock	1,350	
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>				<u>(11)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	945	
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>	01/18/2018	F	945	<u>(11)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	0	\$
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>				<u>(12)</u>	<u>(12)</u>	Common Stock	800	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fuller Lynn Heitz 1398 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001			Retail Banking Director, SVP	

Signatures

/s/ Lynn H.
Fuller

01/20/2018

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Of these shares 2,143.8223 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 in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (4) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (5) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (6) Reflects the forfeiture of 298 Performance Based Restricted Stock Units granted but not earned in 2017.
- (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 vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.

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- (9) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 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) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2018 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (12) 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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