HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC

Form 4

August 23, 2016

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

08/22/2016

Stock

Saylor Kurt			Symbol					C	Issuer					
					HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC [HTLF]						(Check all applicable)			
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	(Month/D	Oate of Earliest Transaction onth/Day/Year)					XDirector10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below)				
	1398 CENT	08/22/2016												
		4. If Amendment, Date Original						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check						
				Filed(Mon	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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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 D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
					Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
	Common Stock									321,734	I	Trust (1)		
	Common Stock	08/22/2016			S		1,775	D	\$ 35.4	319,959 (2)	I	Trust (1)		
	Common Stock	08/22/2016			S		7,100	D	\$ 35.48	312,859 (2)	I	Trust (1)		
	Common Stock									130,713	I	Wife's Trust (3)		
	Common	08/22/2016			S		725	D	\$ 35 4	129 988 (2)	I	Wife's		

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725

\$ 35.4 129,988 (2)

Trust (3)

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2,900 D $^{\$}_{35.48}$ 127,088 $^{(2)}$ I Wife's Common S 08/22/2016 Stock Trust (3)

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. 3. Transaction D Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 1 9 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2014 Performance Based Restricted Stock	<u>(4)</u>					(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	1,030	
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	1,075	
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	995	
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(4)</u>					(8)	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock	1,350	
2016 Performance Based Restricted	<u>(4)</u>					(9)	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	1,000	

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Stock (1-year performance)

2016

Time-Based
Restricted

(4)

Common Stock 1,000

Other

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer

Saylor Kurt

1398 CENTRAL AVE X DUBUQUE, IA 52001

Signatures

/s/ Kurt Saylor 08/23/2016

**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).
- (1) Shares held by Kurt M. Saylor Trust dated 1-6-1998 for which Reporting Person acts as trustee.
- (2) Shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 Plan effective July 28, 2016
- (3) Shares held by Melissa J. Saylor Trust dated 1-6-1998 for which Reporting Person's wife acts as trustee.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (5) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2017 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (6) 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.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2018 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) 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 1-19-2017, 1/3 vest on 1/19/2018, and 1/3 vest on 1/19/2019.

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