Townsend Andrew E Form 4 March 12, 2019

## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Townsend A	Address of Reporting Andrew E	Person *_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HEARTLAND FINANCIAL U INC [HTLF]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1398 CENT	. , ,	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2019				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Chief Credit Officer			
	(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			
DUBUQUE	E, IA 52001							Person	More than One Re	porting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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								27,395	D (1)	
Common Stock								1,163	I	401(k)
Common Stock	03/11/2019			M	294	A	\$ 45.77	27,689	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	D So A (A D of	f Deriv ecur (cqui (A) or Dispo (f (D)	ative ities ired seed 0 . 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	( <i>P</i>	<b>A</b> )	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2018 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>							(3)	(3)	Common Stock	523
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>							<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,047
2018 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(2)							<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	177 <u>(6)</u>
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)							<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	344
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(2)</u>							<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock	516
2017 Performance Based Restricted	(2)							<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	631

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Stock (1-year performance)									
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(2)				(10)	(10)	Common Stock	657	
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)				(11)	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	417	
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(2)				(12)	(12)	Common Stock	417	
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(2)</u>	03/11/2019	M	417	<u>(12)</u>	(12)	Common Stock	0	\$

## **Reporting Owners**

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

Townsend Andrew E

1398 CENTRAL AVE EVP, Chief Credit Officer

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

## **Signatures**

/s/ Andrew E 03/12/2019 Townsend

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date

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).
- These shares are held in Jt. Ten. **(1)**
- **(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 on 3-6-2019, 1/3 vest on 3-6-2020, and 1/3 vest on 3-6-2021.
- **(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)** Reflects the forfeiture of 608 Performance Based Restricted Stock Units granted but not earned in 2018.

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