MILLER MELVIN E

Form 4 May 02, 2012

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA

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may continue.

See Instruction

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1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

			INC [HTLF]				0011	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1398 CENT	(First) ΓRAL AVE.	(Middle)		of Earliest T Day/Year) 2012	ransaction			DirectorX Officer (gibelow) Chief		0% Owner other (specify	
DUBUQUI				nendment, Date Original onth/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 I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	med n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose	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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	05/01/2012			G	636	D	\$0	0 (6)	D		
Common Stock	05/01/2012			M	4,500	A	\$ 11.84	0 (6)	D		
Common Stock	05/01/2012			S	3,308	D	\$ 19.3	25,768 (4) (5)	D (1)		
Common Stock								6,230	I	IRA	
Common Stock								7,680	I	Retirement Fund	

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HRT Common 3,899 (3) I Retirement Stock Plan

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Numonof Deri Securit Acquir (A) or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)	ivative ries red	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy	\$ 11.84	05/01/2012		M	4	1,500	(2)	01/21/2013	Common Stock	0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy	\$ 19.48						(2)	01/20/2014	Common Stock	3,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21						(2)	02/10/2015	Common Stock	5,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy	\$ 21.6						(2)	02/06/2016	Common Stock	1,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.65						(2)	01/16/2017	Common Stock	1,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.6						(2)	01/24/2018	Common Stock	2,50

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MILLER MELVIN E 1398 CENTRAL AVE.

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

Chief Investment Officer

Signatures

/s/ Melvin E. 05/02/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** 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 jointly with reporting person's spouse.
- (2) Represents options to buy granted under the Company's Stock Option Plan, a Rule 16(b)(3) plan, which options vest one-third per year beginning on the 3rd anniversary of date of grant.
- (3) Represents shares allocated to the reporting person's account under the Heartland Financial USA, Inc. Retirement Plan as a result of the Pension Plan Protection Act of 2006.
- (4) Includes 10,338 Restricted Stock Units (RSU). Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of common stock. The grant vests in three equal installments on the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the grant date.
- (5) Includes 2,738 shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock.
- (6) Multiple line entry....see last entry for total.

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