

BRADEN STEVEN M

Form 4

January 23, 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 *
BRADEN STEVEN M

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)
1301 CENTRAL AVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2018

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
EVP, Head of Retail

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					90	D	
Common Stock	01/19/2018		M		218	A	\$ 55.5
					308	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
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)					(2)	(2)	Common Stock 654
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)	01/19/2018		F	218	(2)	(2)	Common Stock 436
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(1)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock 327
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	(1)					(4)	(4)	Common Stock 399

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRADEN STEVEN M 1301 CENTRAL AVE DUBUQUE, IA 52001			EVP, Head of Retail	

Signatures

Steven M.
Braden

01/23/2018

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (2) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (3) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (4) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.

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