HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC

Form 4

August 13, 2008

FORM 4

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Section 16.

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA

Symbol

INC [HTLF]

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

MILLER MELVIN E

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					Director X Officer (gi	0% Owner Other (specify		
1398 CEN		08/12/2008					below) below) Chief Investment Officer				
				endment, D nth/Day/Yea		al		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
DUBUQUE, IA 52001								_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 Benefic								ially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) Common Stock Common	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 08/12/2008		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V M	(Instr. 3,	ispose	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 0 (5)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) D	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Stock Common							22.61	0.220	T	TD 4	
Stock								9,230	I	IRA	
Common Stock								7,680	I	Retirement Fund	
Common Stock								3,899 (4)	I	HRT Retirement Plan	

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

Estimated average

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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)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	orities aired or osed of r. 3, 4,	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	Amou or Numb of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12	08/12/2008		M		2,000	(2)	01/02/2009	Common Stock	0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy	\$ 12						(2)	01/17/2010	Common Stock	3,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy	\$ 8.67						(2)	06/01/2011	Common Stock	3,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy	\$ 8.8						(2)	01/15/2012	Common Stock	6,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy	\$ 11.84						(2)	01/21/2013	Common Stock	4,50
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
	\$ 29.65						(2)	01/16/2017		1,50

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Non-Qualified
Stock Option
(Right to Buy)

Non-Qualified
Stock Option \$ 18.6

Common Stock
(2) 01/24/2018
Common 2,50

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MILLER MELVIN E 1398 CENTRAL AVE. DUBUQUE, IA 52001

Chief Investment Officer

Stock

Signatures

(Right to Buy)

/s/ Melvin E. 08/13/2008 Miller

**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 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) Includes 4,175 Restricted Stock Awards granted under the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Double line entry see next line for total.

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