#### HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC

Form 4

January 25, 2008

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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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)

FULLER LYNN B

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

See Instruction

(Last) 1398 CENT	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2007					X Director X Officer (g below)		0% Owner Other (specify	
	(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			
DUBUQUE	E, IA 52001								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative	Secur	ities Ac	equired, Disposed	l of, or Benefic	ially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any	med n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securi onAcquirec Disposec (Instr. 3,	l (A) of (D) 4 and (A) or	))	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									33,397 <u>(6)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2007			G	V	1,000	A	\$0	524,229	I	As Trustee (2)
Common Stock									21,000	I	Partnership
Common Stock									6,000 (1)	I	By Spouse
Common Stock									1,934.097 (1) (5)	I	By Son

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Common Stock	123,078 (1)	I	As Trustee (3)
Common Stock	608.013 <u>(1)</u> <u>(5)</u>	I	Minor Son
Common Stock	2,708.577 (5)	I	IRA
Common Stock	9,342 (7)	I	HTLF Retirement 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. Number on f 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.8					<u>(4)</u>	01/15/2012	Common Stock	8,25
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.84					<u>(4)</u>	01/21/2013	Common Stock	15,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right To Buy)	\$ 19.48					<u>(4)</u>	01/20/2014	Common Stock	15,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21					<u>(4)</u>	02/10/2015	Common Stock	15,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy	\$ 21.6					<u>(4)</u>	02/06/2016	Common Stock	10,00

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.65					<u>(4)</u>	01/16/2017	Common Stock	10,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.6	01/24/2008	A	1	8,000	<u>(4)</u>	01/24/2018	Common Stock	8,00

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
.r. g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FULLER LYNN B 1398 CENTRAL AVE. DUBUQUE, IA 52001	X		President & CEO				

# **Signatures**

/s/ Lynn B.
Fuller

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

O1/25/2008

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) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- (2) Shares held by Lynn B. Fuller Trust Under Agreement dated 5-7-96, Lynn B. Fuller Trustee
- (3) Shares held by the Emma O. Fuller Trust dated 9-3-85 Dubuque Bank & Trust, L.S. Fuller & L.B. Fuller, co-trustees
- (4) 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.
- (5) These shares participate in a Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (6) Restricted Stock Awards granted under the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (7) 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.

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