HORSTMANN DOUGLAS J

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HORSTMANN DOUGLAS J			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) 1398 CENTRA	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/10/2017	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Lending
	(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, IA 52001				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Beneficial Code (D) Beneficially (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 70,364 Ι Trust (1) Stock Common 6,437 A 08/10/2017 M 76,801 Ι Trust (1) Stock Common Ι Trust (2) 25,000 Stock Spouse's Common Ι 27,000 Stock Trust (3) Common 15,720 (4) I 401(k) Stock

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)	Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo (D)	rities ired rosed of 3, 4,	Expiration D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	758	
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	566	
2017 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>						(8)	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock	1,133	
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	1,133	
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>	08/10/2017		M		1,133 (10)	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	0	
	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(11)</u>	(11)		953	

2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock							Common Stock	
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>	08/10/2017	M	953 (10)	<u>(11)</u>	<u>(11)</u>	Common Stock	0
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>				<u>(12)</u>	(12)	Common Stock	1,437
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(5)</u>	08/10/2017	M	1,437 (10)	(12)	(12)	Common Stock	0
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>				(13)	<u>(13)</u>	Common Stock	2,050
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>	08/10/2017	M	2,050 (10)	<u>(13)</u>	<u>(13)</u>	Common Stock	0
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>				(14)	<u>(14)</u>	Common Stock	1,990
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>	08/10/2017	M	1,990 (10)	(14)	<u>(14)</u>	Common Stock	0
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>				<u>(15)</u>	<u>(15)</u>	Common Stock	1,350
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>	08/10/2017	M	1,350 (10)	(15)	<u>(15)</u>	Common Stock	0

2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(5)				(16)	(16)	Common Stock	750
2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(5)</u>	08/10/2017	М	750 (10)	(16)	(16)	Common Stock	0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HORSTMANN DOUGLAS J 1398 CENTRAL AVE. DUBUQUE, IA 52001

EVP, Lending

Signatures

/s/ Douglas J. Horstmann 08/15/2017

**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).
- (1) These shares are held by Doulgas J Horstmann Trust under agreement dated 8/13/2011 FBO Douglas J Horstmann Declaration of Trust
- (2) These shares are held by Douglas J Horstmann Declaration of Trust under agreement dated 8/13/2011, Douglas J Horstmann, Trustee
- (3) These shares are held by Karen M Horstmann Declaration of Trust dated 8/13/2011, Karen M Horstmann, Trustee
- (4) Based on a plan statement dated June 2017
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (6) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest in 2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2020 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (9) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.
- (10) The vesting of these shares was accelerated per Restricted Stock Agreements due to qualified retirement.
- (11) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-19-2017, 1/3 vest on 1-19-2018, and 1/3 vest on 1-19-2019.
- (12) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (13) 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.
- (14) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2018 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (15) 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.
- (16) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-22-2016, 1/3 vest on 1-22-2017, and 1/3 vest on 1-22-2018.

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