

COX JOHN W JR
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COX JOHN W JR

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)
1398 CENTRAL AVE.
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2012

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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)
Common Stock	05/17/2012		A	1,000	A \$ 0	7,561.208 ⁽²⁾ ₍₄₎	D
Common Stock					16,944.182 ⁽²⁾	I	Control Shareholder ₍₁₎
Common Stock					4,760.042 ⁽²⁾	I	Conrol Shareholder ₍₃₎

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COX JOHN W JR 1398 CENTRAL AVE. DUBUQUE, IA 52001	X			

Signatures

/s/ John W. Cox,
Jr. 05/18/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Held in the name of John W. Cox Jr. Inc. Reporting person is managing, controlling shareholder.
- (2) These shares participate in a Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Held in the name of McJoyce, Inc. Reporting person is managing, controlling shareholder.
- (4) Includes 1,000 shares of Restricted Stock Units granted under the 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan. These shares are subject to a one (1) year vesting schedule.

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