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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 5)*

EZCORP, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

CLASS A

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

302301106

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2000

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP NUMBER 302301106 Page 4 Of 6 Pages Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer: EZCORP, Inc. (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 1901 Capital Parkway Austin, TX 78746 Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing: (1) Heartland Advisors, Inc. -----(2) William J. Nasgovitz (b) Address of Principal Business Office: (1) 789 North Water Street (2) 789 North Water Street Milwaukee, WI 53202 Milwaukee, WI 53202 (c) Citizenship: Heartland Advisors is a Wisconsin corporation. William J. Nasgovitz - U.S.A (d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock (e) CUSIP Number: 302301106 -----

Item 3. The persons filing this Schedule 13G are Heartland Advisors, Inc., an investment adviser registered with the SEC, and William J. Nasgovitz, President and principal shareholder of Heartland Advisors, Inc. Mr. Nasgovitz joins in this filing pursuant to SEC staff positions authorizing certain individuals in similar situations to join in a filing with a controlled entity eligible to file on Schedule 13G. The reporting persons do not admit that they constitute a group.

Item 4. Ownership.

For information on ownership, voting and dispositive power with respect to the above listed shares, see Items 5-9 of the Cover Page.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following:[X]

Item 6. Ownership of more than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below, the undersigned certify that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, ${\tt I}$ certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATE: January 29, 2001

HEARTLAND ADVISORS, INC.
By: /s/ PAUL T. BESTE
Paul T. Beste
Chief Operating Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement

Joint Filing Agreement

The undersigned persons agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of EZCORP, Inc. at December 31, 2000.

WILLIAM J. NASGOVITZ

By: /s/ PAUL T. BESTE Paul T. Beste As Attorney in Fact for William J. Nasgovitz

HEARTLAND ADVISORS, INC.

By: /s/ PAUL T. BESTE Paul T. Beste Chief Operating Officer