GERDIN MICHAEL J

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GERDIN MICHAEL J | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC [HTLD] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|-------------------|----------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) 901 NORTH | (First) KANSAS A | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/11/2011 | X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President | | |
| | (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 | | |
| NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317 | | | | Person | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|--------|--|---------|--------|--|--|---|--|
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tal | ble I - N | on- | Derivative Sec | curitie | s Acqu | ired, Disposed o | of, or Benefici | ally Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (Instr. | 8) | 4. Securities Amor Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 an | of (D) | ed (A) | 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 | 08/11/2011 | | G(1) | | 2,000,000 | A | \$ 0 | 2,000,000 | I | Trustee of GRATs | |
| Common Stock | 08/11/2011 | | G <u>(1)</u> | V | 2,000,000 | A | \$0 | 4,000,000 | I | Trustee of GRATs | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,910,372 | I | Beneficiary of Trust (2) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 14,898 | I | Trustee of Trusts (3) | |
| Common | | | | | | | | 6 500 000 | ī | Beneficiary | |

6,500,000

of Trust (4)

Common Stock Seneficiary of Trust $\frac{(5)}{(5)}$

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) | 4. Transact Code (Instr. 8) | 5. conNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | 7. Title Amoun Under Securi (Instr. | nt of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|---|---|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|
| . 5 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| GERDIN MICHAEL J | | | | | | | |
| 001 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE | Y | | President | | | | |

NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317

NORTH LIBERTY, IA 3231

Signatures

/s/Michael J. 08/15/2011 Gerdin

**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).
- Ann S. Gerdin transferred 2,000,000 shares each to two grantor retained annuity trusts for her benefit. The reporting person serves as trustee over these two GRATs and has no pecuniary interest other than an indirect remainder interest, if any. As trustee, Mr. Gerdin has voting and dispositive powers with respect to the two GRATs. This transaction does not constitute a gift to the reporting person. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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- (2) The reporting person is one of the beneficiaries of the 2005 Gerdin Children's Trust. Mr. Gerdin does not have voting and dispositive powers with respect to this trust. Lawrence D. Crouse serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (3) The reporting person is trustee over shares held by trusts created for the benefit of his children. As trustee, Mr. Gerdin has shared voting and dispositive powers with respect to each trust. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (4) The reporting person is one of the beneficiaries of the 2009 Gerdin Heartland Trust. Mr. Gerdin does not have voting and dispositive powers with respect to his trust. Lawrence D. Crouse serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (5) The reporting person is one of the beneficiaries of the 2007 Gerdin Heartland Trust. Mr.Gerdin does not have voting and dispositive powers with respect to this trust. Lawrence D. Crouse serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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