GERDIN MICHAEL J

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GERDIN MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC

[HTLD]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

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

X Director X__ 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title below)

_ Other (specify

901 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE

(First)

11/30/2011

CEO and President

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities oner Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and Amount	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	11/30/2011		$G^{(1)}$ V		A	\$ 0	15,363,347	I	Trustee of GRATs	
Common Stock	11/30/2011		G(1) V	7,519,178	A	\$0	22,882,525	I	Trustee of GRATs	
Common Stock	11/30/2011		G(1) V	5,195,036	A	\$0	28,077,561	I	Trustee of GRATs	
Common Stock							1,910,372	I	Beneficiary of Trust (2)	
Common Stock							14,898	I	Trustee of Trusts (3)	

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Common Stock	6,500,000	I	Beneficiary of Trust (4)
Common Stock	562,669	I	Beneficiary of Trust (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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (Instr. 3	5. ctionNumber of State of State of State of Security Acquiry (A) or Dispost of (D) (Instr. 4, and state of Sta	(Month/Day. tive ies ed ed	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GERDIN MICHAEL J							
901 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE	X	X	CEO and President				
NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317							

Signatures

/S/Michael J.

Gerdin

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 was appointed successor trustee of the three grantor retained annuity trusts created for the benefit of Ann S. Gerdin. Russell A. Gerdin, deceased spouse of Ann S. Gerdin, previously served as trustee for the three GRATs. The reporting person serves as

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trustee over these three 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 three GRATs. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

- (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 this 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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