GERDIN MICHAEL J
Form 4
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| 1(b). |  |  |

(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] |
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|  |  |  |  |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) |
| 901 NOR | ANSA | ENUE | 11/30/2011 |
|  | (Street) |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |

NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317
5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

| X__ Director | X__ 10\% Owner |
| :---: | :---: |
| X __ Officer (give title | Other (specif |
| below) | below) |

CEO and President
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)
_X_Form filed by One Reporting Person __ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person


| Common <br> Stock | $6,500,000$ | I | Beneficiary <br> of Trust $(4)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Common <br> Stock | 562,669 | I | Beneficiary <br> of Trust $\underline{(5)}$ |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)



## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address
Relationships
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
12/02/2011
${ }_{\sim}^{* *}$ 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. $78 \mathrm{ff}(\mathrm{a})$.
(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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