

CROUSE LAWRENCE D

Form 4

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CROUSE LAWRENCE D

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC
[HTLD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2012

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

PO BOX 480

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

BURKE, SD 57523

(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	12/19/2012		G ⁽¹⁾	V 78,460 A \$ 0	7,093,460	I	Trustee of Trust ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					63,866	I	Trustee of Trusts ⁽³⁾
Common Stock					2,043,372	I	Trustee of Trust ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock					47,565	D	
Common Stock					1,936,276	I	Voting Trustee ⁽⁵⁾

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Common Stock 562,669 I Trustee of Trust ⁽⁶⁾

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. 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. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROUSE LAWRENCE D PO BOX 480 BURKE, SD 57523	X	X		

Signatures

/s/Lawrence D.
Crouse 12/19/2012

**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 Russell A. Gerdin Revocable Trust distributed 78,460 shares to the 2009 Gerdin Heartland Trust in accordance with the trust document. Mr. Crouse serves as the trustee of this trust.
- (2) The reporting person serves as trustee for shares held by the 2009 Gerdin Heartland Trust but has no pecuniary interest in such shares. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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- The reporting person serves as trustee for shares held by trusts for the benefit of the grandchildren of Ann Gerdin in which the reporting person has no pecuniary interest in such shares. Mr. Crouse has shared voting and dispositive power with respect to each trust. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (3)
- The reporting person serves as trustee for shares held by the 2005 Gerdin Children's Trust but has no pecuniary interest in such shares. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (4)
- The reporting person serves as voting trustee for shares represented by a voting certificate held by Gerdin Family Investments, LP. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (5)
- The reporting person serves as trustee for shares held by the 2007 Gerdin Heartland Trust but has no pecuniary interest in such shares. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (6)

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