

GERDIN RUSSELL A  
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# FORM 5

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**ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GERDIN RUSSELL A

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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

901 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317

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(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2009                           | Â  | G                              | 14,994 D \$ 0   | 11,989,264   | D (1)  | Â  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/29/2009                           | Â  | G                              | 1,666 D \$ 0  | 11,987,598   | D (1)  | Â  |
| Common Stock                    | Â                                    | Â  | Â                              | Â Â Â   | 1,936,276  | I (2)  | By Trust                                   |
| Common Stock                    | Â                                    | Â  | 3                              | Â Â Â   | Â  | D (3) (4)  | Â  |

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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. of D Sc B O E Is F (I   |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | (A)  | (D)   |  |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                           |                    |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other              |
| GERDIN RUSSELL A<br>901 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE<br>NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317 | Â X           | Â X       | Â Chief Executive Officer | Â                  |
| Gerdin Ann S<br>901 NORTH KANSAS AVENUE<br>NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317     | Â             | Â         | Â                         | Joint-Filer/Spouse |

## Signatures

Russell A. Gerdin 02/04/2010  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Ann S. Gerdin 02/04/2010  
 \*\*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) Shares owned by the revocable trusts of the reporting person and his spouse over which the reporting person and his spouse serve as trustees for their respective trusts.
- (2) Gerdin Family Investments, LP (the "Limited Partnership") owns a voting trust certificate representing 1,936,276 shares of Heartland Express, Inc. common stock. Mr. Gerdin is the general partner of the Limited Partnership. Although the entire number of shares

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controlled by the Limited partnership is disclosed herein (as permitted by SEC rules), Mr. Gerdin disclaims beneficial ownership of shares in excess of the number attributable to his ownership interest. Mr. Gerdin is not the voting trustee and has no power to vote the shares in which the Limited Partnership has an interest.

- (3) Shares held by grantor retained annuity trusts for the benefit of the spouse of the reporting person. Mr. Gerdin serves as trustee with respect to each trust.
- (4) The reporting persons hold different interests in the GRAT's as described in more detail in their Schedule 13D and amendments thereto.

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