

GERDIN RUSSELL A  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/13/2006	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(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)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	06/13/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>		811,548	A	\$ 0	28,916,237	D <sup>(2)</sup>	
COMMON STOCK	06/13/2006		J <sup>(1)</sup>		505,947	A	\$ 0	505,947	I <sup>(3)</sup>	SPOUSE
COMMON STOCK	06/13/2006		J <sup>(4)</sup>		811,548	D	\$ 0	8,521,784	I <sup>(5)</sup>	BY TRUST
COMMON STOCK	06/13/2006		J <sup>(4)</sup>		505,947	D	\$ 0	8,015,837	I <sup>(5)</sup>	BY TRUST
COMMON STOCK								1,500,841	I <sup>(6)</sup>	BY TRUST

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				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
GERDIN RUSSELL A	X	X	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE	

## Signatures

RUSSELL A  
GERDIN 06/13/2006

\*\*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) ITEM 3. Transaction Code (1) Annuity amounts paid on the anniversary date of grantor retained annuity trusts.
- (2) ITEM 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (2) Shares owned by the revocable trust of the reporting person over which the reporting person serves as trustee.
- (3) ITEM 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (3) Shares owned by the revocable trust of the spouse of the reporting person over which the spouse serves as trustee.
- (4) ITEM 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (4) Disposition of shares pursuant to annuity amount paid for grantor retained annuity trusts.

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- (5) ITEM 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (5) Shares held by a grantor retained annuity trust for the benefit of the reporting person and his spouse. A third party serves as trustee. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

ITEM 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (6) Gerdin Family Investments, LP (the "Limited Partnership") owns a voting trust certificate representing 1,500,841 shares of Heartland Express, Inc. common stock. Mr. Gerdin is the general partner of the Limited

- (6) Partnership. Although the entire number of shares 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.

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