

HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC  
Form SC 13G  
August 30, 2010  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Heartland Express, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

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COMMON STOCK  
(Title of Class of Securities)

422347 10 4  
(CUSIP Number)

August 24, 2010  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP NO.: 422347 10 4

Names of  
Reporting  
Persons. I.R.S  
Indentification  
Nos. of above  
persons (entities  
only).

1. 2009 Gerdin  
Heartland Trust  
UTA  
07/15/2009

2. Check the  
appropriate box  
if a member of a  
group:

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE  
ONLY

4. Citizenship or  
place of  
organization:  
United States of  
America

Number of shares  
beneficially owned by  
each reporting person  
with:

5. Sole voting  
power

6. 6,500,000  
Shared voting  
power

7. 0

- Sole dispositive  
power
- 6,500,000
8. Shared  
dispositive  
power
- 0
9. Aggregate  
amount  
beneficially  
owned by each  
reporting person
- 6,500,000
10. Check if the  
aggregate  
amount in Row  
(9) excludes  
certain shares
11. Percent of class  
represented by  
amount in Row  
(9)
- 7.2% (1)
12. Type of  
reporting person
- OO

(1) Based on 90,688,621 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of August 24, 2010.

Item 1.

- (a) Name of issuer

Heartland Express, Inc.

- (b) Address of issuer's principal executive offices

901 North Kanas Avenue  
North Liberty, IA 52317

Item 2.

- (a) Name of person filing

2009 Gerdin Heartland Trust

- (b) Address of principal business office or, if none, residence

Lawrence D. Crouse, Trustee  
P.O. Box 480  
Burke, SD 57523

- (c) Citizenship

United States of America

- (d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

- (e) CUSIP Number

42234 10 4

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is  
a: Not applicable

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).

- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

- (c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k)  Group, in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned  
6,500,000
  
- (b) Percent of class:  
7.2% (1)
  
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:  
6,500,000
  
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:  
0
  
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
6,500,000
  
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
0

(1) Based on 90,688,621 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of August 24, 2010.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

[ X ].

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of  
Group

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Lawrence D. Crouse, trustee of the 2009 Gerdin  
Heartland Trust

*/s/ Thomas E. Hill, as power of attorney*

Dated: August 27, 2010