

CROUSE LAWRENCE D
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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)
05/24/2006

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

(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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/24/2006 | 05/24/2006 | P | | 1,000 | A | \$ 16.55 |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/24/2006 | 05/24/2006 | P | | 275 | A | \$ 16.59 |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/24/2006 | 05/24/2006 | P | | 725 | A | \$ 16.6 |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/24/2006 | 05/24/2006 | P | | 100 | A | \$ 16.62 |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/24/2006 | 05/24/2006 | P | | 900 | A | \$ 16.63 |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) ITEM 7. Additional 1,500,841 shares are held by Gerdin Family Investments, L.P., of which Mr. Crouse is the voting trustee.

(2) ITEM 7. Mr. Crouse is the trustee for 5,333,333 shares held by Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts for the benefit of Russell and Ann Gerdin. Mr. Crouse has sole voting and sole dispositive power over these shares.

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