

Passmore Jeffrey R
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
HALLMARK FINANCIAL
SERVICES INC [HALL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
777 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1000
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/22/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
COMMON STOCK	01/22/2009		M		3,750	A	\$ 3.42
					6,404	D	

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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.46					<u>(1)</u> 05/22/2018	COMMON STOCK	25,000
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.52					<u>(2)</u> 05/24/2017	COMMON STOCK	50,000
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.34					<u>(3)</u> 05/25/2016	COMMON STOCK	8,300
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 7.14					<u>(4)</u> 05/27/2015	COMMON STOCK	8,300
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 3.42	01/22/2009		M	3,750	<u>(5)</u> 01/26/2009	COMMON STOCK	3,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Passmore Jeffrey R 777 MAIN STREET SUITE 1000 FORT WORTH, TX 76102	CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JEFFREY R.
PASSMORE

01/23/2009

__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) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 2,500, 5,000, 7,500 and 10,000 shares on May 22, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.
- (2) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 5,000, 10,000, 15,000 and 20,000 shares on May 24, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.
- (3) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 833, 1,667, 2,500 and 3,333 shares on May 25, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively.
- (4) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 833, 1,667, 2,500 and 3,333 shares on May 27, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.
- (5) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 833, 1,250 and 1,667 shares on January 26, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively.

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