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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Passmore Jeffrey R

(First)

777 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1000

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [HALL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/28/2009

(Street)

(Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

COMMON STOCK

Security

(Instr. 3)

Code V Amount (D) Price

> 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)	Code	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration (Month/D		7. Title and An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	curitie
				Code V	(A) (Date Exercisab D)	Expiration le Date	Title	Am or Nur of S
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 6.61	05/28/2009(1)		A	35,000	(2)	04/01/2019	COMMON STOCK	35.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.46					(3)	05/22/2018	COMMON STOCK	25.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.52					<u>(4)</u>	05/24/2017	COMMON STOCK	50.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.34					(5)	05/25/2016	COMMON STOCK	8,3
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 7.14					<u>(6)</u>	05/27/2015	COMMON STOCK	8,

Reporting Owners

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

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Signatures

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

06/01/2009

**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) The option was conditionally granted on April 1, 2009, subject to shareholder approval of an amendment to the plan under which the option was granted. The plan amendment was approved by shareholders on May 28, 2009.
- (2) Represents grant of employee stock options which become exercisable in seven equal annual installments commencing April 1, 2010.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.

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