

GRAVES JAMES H

Form 4

June 01, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GRAVES JAMES H

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/28/2009

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

2100 MCKINNEY
AVENUE, SUITE 900

(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

DALLAS, TX 75201

(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 | (D) | Price |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | 51,192 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | 66,894 | I | By limited partnership |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. An or No of |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 6.61 | 05/28/2009 ⁽¹⁾ | | A | 15,000 | 10/02/2009 04/01/2019 | COMMON STOCK | 1 |
| DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 11.46 | | | | | 11/23/2008 05/22/2018 | COMMON STOCK | 5 |
| DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 12.52 | | | | | 11/25/2007 05/24/2017 | COMMON STOCK | 1 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| GRAVES JAMES H 2100 MCKINNEY AVENUE SUITE 900 DALLAS, TX 75201 | X |

Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JAMES H. GRAVES

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).

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- (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 director stock options.

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