

MORRISON MARK J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MORRISON MARK J

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)
 01/23/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President; CEO

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	01/23/2009		M	15,000 A \$ 3.9	62,480	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Am Nur Sha	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.46					<u>(1)</u> 05/22/2018	COMMON STOCK	50	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.52					<u>(2)</u> 05/24/2017	COMMON STOCK	100	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.34					<u>(3)</u> 05/25/2016	COMMON STOCK	20	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 7.14					<u>(4)</u> 05/27/2015	COMMON STOCK	16	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 3.9	01/23/2009		M	15,000	<u>(5)</u> 01/26/2009	COMMON STOCK	15	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORRISON MARK J 777 MAIN STREET SUITE 1000 FORT WORTH, TX 76102			President; CEO	

Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR MARK J.
MORRISON

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 grant of employee stock options exercisable as to 5,000, 10,000, 15,000 and 20,000 shares on May 22, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.
- (2) Represents grant of employee stock options exercisable as to 10,000, 20,000, 30,000 and 40,000 shares on May 24, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.
- (3) Represents grant of employee stock options exercisable as to 2,083, 4,167, 6,250 and 8,333 shares on May 25, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively.
- (4) Represents grant of employee stock options exercisable as to 1,667, 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on May 27, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.
- (5) Represents grant of employee stock options exercisable as to 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on March 25, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively.

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