

GRAVES JAMES H  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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)  
2100 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 900  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/07/2009

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

DALLAS, TX 75201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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)
COMMON STOCK					51,192	D	
COMMON STOCK	07/07/2009		S	15,800	D \$ 7.6135 (1)	I	By limited partnership
COMMON STOCK	07/08/2009		S	51,095	D \$ 7.301 (2) 0	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 6.61					10/02/2009 04/01/2019	COMMON STOCK 15,000
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.46					11/23/2008 05/22/2018	COMMON STOCK 5,000
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.52					11/25/2007 05/24/2017	COMMON STOCK 10,000

## 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

07/09/2009

\_\_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).

Represents the weighted average sale price of transactions effected at prices ranging from \$7.61 per share to 7.80 per share. Upon written  
(1) request by the SEC, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

Represents the weighted average sale price of transactions effected at prices ranging from \$7.10 per share to 7.75 per share. Upon written  
(2) request by the SEC, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, the Reporting Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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