

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
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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 *
 Passmore Jeffrey R

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)
 08/23/2016

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

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | | | | | 3,998 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS | <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 08/23/2016 | | A | 7,255 | 03/31/2019 03/31/2019 | COMMON STOCK |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS | <u>(3)</u> | | | | | 03/31/2018 03/31/2018 | COMMON STOCK |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS | <u>(4)</u> | | | | | 03/31/2017 03/31/2017 | COMMON STOCK |
| STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 6.61 | | | | | <u>(5)</u> 04/01/2019 | COMMON STOCK |
| STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 11.46 | | | | | <u>(6)</u> 05/22/2018 | COMMON STOCK |
| STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 12.52 | | | | | <u>(7)</u> 05/24/2017 | COMMON STOCK |
| STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 11.34 | | | | | <u>(8)</u> 05/25/2016 | COMMON STOCK |

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

08/23/2016

__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) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria for one-half of the restricted stock units are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i) CAAGR less than 7% earns 0%; (ii) 7% CAAGR earns 50%; (iii) 8% CAAGR earns 67%; (iv) 9% CAAGR earns 83%; (v) 10% CAAGR earns 100%; (vi) 11% CAAGR earns 117% shares; (vii) 12% CAAGR earns 133%; and (viii) 13% or greater CAAGR earns 150%.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria for one-half of the restricted stock units are based on the net combined ratio ("NCR") for the three year period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (a) NCR greater than 96% earns 0%; (b) NCR of 95% earns 50%; (c) NCR of 94% earns 60%; (d) NCR of 93% earns 80%; (e) NCR of 92% earns 100%; (f) NCR of 90% earns 110%; (g) NCR of 89% earns 120%; (h) NCR of 88% earns 135%; and (i) NCR less than 87% earns 150%.

(3) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i) CAAGR less than 9% earns 0%; (ii) 9% CAAGR earns 50%; (iii) 10% CAAGR earns 67%; (iv) 11% CAAGR earns 83%; (v) 12% CAAGR earns 100%; (vi) 13% CAAGR earns 117% shares; (vii) 14% CAAGR earns 133%; and (viii) 15% or greater CAAGR earns 150%.

(4) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i) CAGR less than 8% earns 0%; (ii) 8% CAGR earns 50%; (iii) 9% CAGR earns 64%; (iv) 10% CAGR earns 79%; (v) 11% CAGR earns 93%; (vi) 12% CAGR earns 107% shares; (vii) 13% CAGR earns 122%; (viii) 14% CAGR earns 136%; and (ix) 15% or greater CAGR earns 150%.

(5) Represents employee stock options exercisable in seven equal annual installments commencing April 1, 2010.

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

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