

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC

Form 4

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

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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BERLIN SCOTT T2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
HALLMARK FINANCIAL  
SERVICES INC [HAF.EC]5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1111 SUPERIOR AVENUE, SUITE  
9003. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/15/2005☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)(Street)  
CLEVELAND, OH 441144. 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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| COMMON STOCK                    | 04/15/2005                           |                                                    | M                              | 25,000 A                                                          | \$ 0.6875 25,000                                                                              | D                                                        |                                            |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(9-02)**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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| DIRECTOR<br>STOCK<br>OPTION<br>(RIGHT TO<br>BUY)    | \$ 0.6875                                                             | 04/15/2005                              |                                                             | M                                       | 25,000                                                                                                       | <u>(1)</u> 12/31/2010                                          | COMMON<br>STOCK                                                     | 25,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                             | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BERLIN SCOTT T<br>1111 SUPERIOR AVENUE<br>SUITE 900<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44114 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR SCOTT T.  
BERLIN

04/19/2005

\_\_\_\_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 director stock options which become exercisable as to 50,000 shares on July 1, 2001, and as to an additional 12,500 shares on each of January 1, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

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