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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)
 05/16/2018

____ 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)

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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)	Price		
COMMON STOCK	05/16/2018		M	V	21,500	A	\$ 6.61 25,498 D
COMMON STOCK	05/16/2018		S		18,498	D	\$ 9.94 7,000 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)

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)
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 6.61	05/16/2018		M	21,500	⁽²⁾ 04/01/2019	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	^{(3) (4)}					03/31/2020 03/31/2020	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	^{(5) (6)}					03/31/2019 03/31/2019	COMMON STOCK
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.46					⁽⁷⁾ 05/22/2018	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

****Signature of Reporting Person**
 Date: 05/17/2018

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).
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Represents the weighted average price of transactions effected at prices ranging from \$9.90 per share to \$9.96 per share. Upon written 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.

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

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 is based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019, and earns 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%.

- (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 for one-half of the restricted stock units is based on the consolidated net combined ratio ("CR%") for the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019, and earns a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (a) CR% greater than 96% earns 0%; (b) 95% CR% earns 50%; (c) 94% CR% earns 60%; (d) 93% CR% earns 80%; (e) 92% CR% earns 100%; (f) 90% CR% earns 110%; (g) 89% CR% earns 120%; (h) 88% CR% earns 135%; and (i) less than 87% CR% 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 for one-half of the restricted stock units is based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018, and earns 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%.

- (5) 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 is based on the consolidated net combined ratio ("CR%") for the period from from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018, and earns a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (a) CR% greater than 96% earns 0%; (b) 95% CR% earns 50%; (c) 94% CR% earns 60%; (d) 93% CR% earns 80%; (e) 92% CR% earns 100%; (f) 90% CR% earns 110%; (g) 89% CR% earns 120%; (h) 88% CR% earns 135%; and (i) less than 87% CR% earns 150%.

- (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.

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