

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)  
 05/29/2015

\_\_\_\_ 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	(1)	05/29/2015		A	5,937	03/31/2018 03/31/2018	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	(2)					03/31/2017 03/31/2017	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	(3)					03/31/2016 03/31/2016	COMMON STOCK
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 6.61					(4) 04/01/2019	COMMON STOCK
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.46					(5) 05/22/2018	COMMON STOCK
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.52					(6) 05/24/2017	COMMON STOCK
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.34					(7) 05/25/2016	COMMON STOCK

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Passmore Jeffrey R  
 777 MAIN STREET  
 SUITE 1000  
 FORT WORTH, TX 76102

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER

## Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JEFFREY R.  
PASSMORE

03/18/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(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 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%.

(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 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%.

(3) Represents restricted stock units conditionally granted April 10, 2013 subject to shareholder approval, which was obtained May 30, 2013. 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, 2013 to December 31, 2015, 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%.

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

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) 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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