#### MEYER DONALD E

Form 4

November 19, 2008

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

OMB

**OMB APPROVAL** 

3235-0287 Number:

Expires:

January 31, 2005

0.5

Estimated average burden hours per

response...

subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

Check this box

if no longer

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MEYER DONALD E Issuer Symbol HALLMARK FINANCIAL (Check all applicable) SERVICES INC [HALL] (Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 7411 JOHN SMITH DRIVE, SUITE 11/17/2008 PRESIDENT OF OPERATING UNIT 1400

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78229

(Street)

| (City)                               | (State) (Zi                             | p) Table l                             | - Non-Dei   | ivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |            |  |  |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   |            | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |  |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                      | 11/17/2008                              |  | Code V  | Amount 400  | (A) or (D) | Price \$ 6.09  | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 10,933                   | D   |  |  |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                      | 11/17/2008                              |  | P   | 200   | A          | \$<br>6.11   | 11,133   | D   |  |  |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                      | 11/17/2008                              |  | P   | 200   | A          | \$<br>6.07   | 11,333   | D   |  |  |

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

Persons who respond to the collection of **SEC 1474** information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form

#### Edgar Filing: MEYER DONALD E - Form 4

# displays a currently valid OMB control number.

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 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>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |                     |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| EMPLOYEE<br>STOCK<br>OPTION<br>(RIGHT TO<br>BUY)    | \$ 11.46  |   |   |  |   | <u>(1)</u>          | 05/22/2018         | COMMON<br>STOCK   | 7,500                               |
| EMPLOYEE<br>STOCK<br>OPTION<br>(RIGHT TO<br>BUY)    | \$ 12.52  |   |   |  |   | (2)                 | 05/24/2017         | COMMON<br>STOCK   | 15,000                              |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MEYER DONALD E 7411 JOHN SMITH DRIVE SUITE 1400 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78229

PRESIDENT OF OPERATING UNIT

### **Signatures**

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR DONALD E. MEYER

11/19/2008

\*\*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)** 

Reporting Owners 2

#### Edgar Filing: MEYER DONALD E - Form 4

Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 750, 1,500, 2,250 and 3,000 shares on May 22, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

(2) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 1,500, 3,000, 4,500 and 6,000 shares on May 24, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.