

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**MORRISON MARK J**

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)  
**12/23/2013**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**President; CEO**

**FORT WORTH, TX 76102**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  |                                   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 12/23/2013                           |  | P                              |   | 2,500   | A  | \$ 8.8                            |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 82,500  | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                         |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount Number of Shares |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS                     | (1)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/31/2016   | 03/31/2016  | COMMON STOCK | (1)                     |
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS                     | (2)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/31/2015   | 03/31/2015  | COMMON STOCK | (2)                     |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)       | \$ 6.61  |                                      |  |                                |   | (3)  | 04/01/2019  | COMMON STOCK | 75,000                  |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)       | \$ 11.46   |                                      |  |                                |   | (4)  | 05/22/2018  | COMMON STOCK | 50,000                  |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)       | \$ 12.52   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5)  | 05/24/2017  | COMMON STOCK | 100,000                 |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)       | \$ 11.34   |                                      |  |                                |   | (6)  | 05/25/2016  | COMMON STOCK | 20,000                  |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)       | \$ 7.14  |                                      |  |                                |   | (7)  | 05/27/2015  | COMMON STOCK | 16,000                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| MORRISON MARK J<br>777 MAIN STREET<br>SUITE 1000<br>FORT WORTH, TX 76102 |               |           | President; CEO |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR MARK J. MORRISON | 12/26/2013 |
| **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).

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

(1) 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%.

Represents restricted stock units conditionally granted July 27, 2012 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

(2) from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014, 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 grant of employee stock options which become exercisable in seven equal annual installments commencing April 1, 2010.

(4) Represents grant of employee stock options exercisable as to 5,000, 10,000, 15,000 and 20,000 shares on May 22, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

(5) Represents grant of employee stock options exercisable as to 10,000, 20,000, 30,000 and 40,000 shares on May 24, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

(6) Represents grant of employee stock options exercisable as to 2,083, 4,167, 6,250 and 8,333 shares on May 25, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively.

(7) Represents grant of employee stock options exercisable as to 1,667, 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on May 27, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

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