

MEYER DONALD E  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
MEYER DONALD E

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)  
7411 JOHN SMITH DRIVE, SUITE 1400  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/17/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
PRESIDENT OF OPERATING UNIT

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78229

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. 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

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
COMMON STOCK	11/17/2008		P	A	\$ 6.09	10,933	D
COMMON STOCK	11/17/2008		P	A	\$ 6.11	11,133	D
COMMON STOCK	11/17/2008		P	A	\$ 6.07	11,333	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.46					(1) 05/22/2018		COMMON STOCK	7,500
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.52					(2) 05/24/2017		COMMON 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  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 11/19/2008  
 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)

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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.

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