GRAVES JAMES H

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GRAVES JAMES H** Issuer Symbol HALLMARK FINANCIAL (Check all applicable) SERVICES INC [HAF.EC] _X__ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) 2100 MCKINNEY 05/10/2005 **AVENUE, SUITE 900** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DALLAS, TX 75201 (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A)			5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
COMMON STOCK	05/10/2005		M	75,000	A	\$ 0.6875	323,775	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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	Amo or Num of Sh
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 0.6875	05/10/2005		M	75,000	<u>(1)</u>	05/16/2005	COMMON STOCK	75,0
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 1					(2)	01/29/2006	COMMON STOCK	50,0
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 0.375					(3)	03/14/2010	COMMON STOCK	50,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GRAVES JAMES H 2100 MCKINNEY AVENUE SUITE 900 DALLAS, TX 75201	X						

Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR JAMES H.
GRAVES 05/12/2005

**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) Represents director stock options which became exercisable as to 30,000 shares on November 17, 1995, and as to an additional 7,500 shares on each of May 16, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

(2)

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Represents director stock options which became exercisable as to 20,000 shares on August 1, 1996, and as to an additional 5,000 shares on each of January 30, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

(3) Represents director stock options which became exercisable as to 20,000 shares on September 15, 2000, and as to an additional 5,000 shares on each of March 15, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

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