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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Jones Christopher C | | (Month/Day/Year) | HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [HALL] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 01/01/2009 | |
| 14990 LANDMARK BOULEVARD,Â SUITE 300 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| ADDISON,Â TXÂ 75254 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | President of Operating Unit | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

(Instr. 5)

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|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|--------------|--------|----------|---|---|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | Â (1) | 05/22/2018 | COMMON STOCK | 7,500 | \$ 11.46 | D | Â |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | Â (2) | 05/24/2017 | COMMON STOCK | 15,000 | \$ 12.52 | D | Â |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | Â (3) | 05/25/2016 | COMMON STOCK | 16,667 | \$ 11.34 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Jones Christopher C 14990 LANDMARK BOULEVARD SUITE 300 ADDISON, TX 75254 | Â | Â | Â | President of Operating Unit Â |

Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR CHRISTOPHER C. JONES 01/06/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 grant of 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 grant of 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.
- (3) Represents grant of employee stock options exercisable as to 1,667, 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on May 25, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively.

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