UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	ress of Reporting F	erson [*]	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
<u>PAYNE MELVIN C</u>			[====[====[====]	X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last) (First)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Dav/Year)	- x	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
3040 POST O	(<i>'</i> ,	(05/22/2013		CEO				
SUITE 300									
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	idual or Joint/Group Filin	g (Check Applicable			
HOUSTON	ТХ	77056		X	Form filed by One Reporting Person				
,					Form filed by More that Person	n One Reporting			
(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)	Transaction Code (Instr.					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)	
Common Stock								1,370,499	D		
Common Stock								3,518	I	Spouse	
Common Stock								70,000	I	daughter in same household	

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. Transa Code (8)		5. Number Derivativ Securitie Acquired or Dispos of (D) (In 3, 4 and 5	e s I (A) sed str.	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Stock Options	\$16.73	05/22/2013		A		100,000		(1)	05/22/2018	Common Stock	100,000	\$ <mark>0</mark>	100,000	D	
Performance Award ⁽²⁾	\$9 ⁽³⁾							(2)	08/02/2017	Common Stock	400,000		400,000	D	
Stock Options	\$5.7							(4)	02/28/2021	Common Stock	41,419		41,419	D	
Stock Options	\$4.78							(5)	05/18/2020	Common Stock	21,200		21,200	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vest 1/3 on 05/22/2014, 1/3 on 05/22/2015 and 1/3 on 05/22/2016. These stock options expire on 05/22/2018.

2. Represents performance-based stock awards granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on or before August 2, 2017 on the date on which the closing price of Carriage's Common Stock is greater than or equal to \$21.50 for the third time, whether or not consecutive, within a period of 30 consecutive calendar days. If these conditions are satisfied on or prior to the first anniversary of the grant date, which is August 2, 2013, then the vesting date of these awards will be August 2, 2013; provided that the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date.

3. The award represents the right of the Reporting Person to receive shares of Carriage Common Stock in exchange for payment of a purchase price equal to \$9.00 per share.

4. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vest 1/3 on 02/28/2012, 1/3 on 02/28/2013 and 1/3 on 02/28/2014. These stock options expire on 02/28/2021.

5. Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 05/18/2011, 1/3 on 05/18/2012 and 1/3 on 05/18/2013. These stock options expire on 05/18/2020.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Melvin C. Payne</u> ** Signature of Reporting Person 05/24/2013 Date

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

 \ast If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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