

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

CARRIAGE SERVICES, INC.  
(Name of Issuer)

CLASS A COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$.01 PER SHARE  
(Title of Class of Securities)

143905-10-7  
(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement: [x].

CUSIP No. 143905-10-7

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| 1)   | Name of Reporting Person<br>S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person   | C. Byron Snyder  |
| 2)   | Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group  | (a)N/A<br>(b)N/A |
| 3)   | SEC Use Only  |                  |
| 4)   | Citizenship or place of organization  | U.S.A.           |
| Number of Shares (5) Sole Voting Power       |   | 980,751          |
| Beneficially Owned(6) Shared Voting Power    |   | 385,560          |
| by Each Reporting (7) Sole Dispositive Power |   | 980,751          |
| Person with (8) Shared Dispositive Power     |   | 385,560          |
| 9)   | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by<br>Each Reporting Person<br>(includes 1,296,311 shares of Class B<br>Common Stock which are convertible at<br>the holder's option into shares of<br>Class A Common Stock on a share for share basis) | 1,366,311        |
| 10)  | Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9)<br>Excludes certain Shares   | N/A              |
| 11)  | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9   | 17.3%            |
| 12)  | Type of Reporting Person  | IN               |

SCHEDULE 13G - TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS  
FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(c)

- Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:  
Carriage Services, Inc.
- Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 1500  
Houston, Texas 77056
- Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:  
C. Byron Snyder
- Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:  
Relco Refrigeration Co.  
2301 Preston  
Houston, TX 77003
- Item 2(c). Citizenship:  
U.S.A.
- Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:  
Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
- Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:  
143905-10-7
- Item 3. This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c).
- Item 4. Ownership
- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 1,366,311  
(includes 1,296,311 shares of Class B Common Stock which are convertible at the holder's option into shares of Class A Common Stock on a share for share basis)
  - (b) Percent of Class: 17.3%
  - (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
    - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 980,751
    - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 385,560
    - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 980,751
    - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 385,560
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.  
Not applicable.
- Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.  
Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.  
Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.  
Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.  
Not applicable (statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c)).

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 27, 1996

/s/ C. BYRON SNYDER  
C. Byron Snyder