

CARRIAGE SERVICES INC

Reported by **PAYNE MELVIN C**

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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SIC Code 7200 - Services-Personal Services

Industry Personal Services

Sector Consumer Non-Cyclicals

Fiscal Year 12/31





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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person = PAYNE MELVIN C					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)								X Director	X Director1				
				J. 1										X _ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
3040 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 300								6/	/8/20	17			CEO	CEO				
(Street)				4.]	If A	mendme	nt, Date	Origin	al F	Filed	(MM/E	DD/YYYY	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
HOUSTON, TX 77056														X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
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			Table	I - No	on-Dei	iva	tive Secu	ırities A	cquir	ed, l	Dispo	osed o	of, or B	eneficially Own	ed			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Tran	ns. Date	te 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		or Disposed of (E (Instr. 3, 4 and 5))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
								Code	v	An	nount	(A) (D)					Direct (D) Ownershi or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock				6/8/2	2017			J		317	76 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$0		21824		I	Melvin C. Payne, Jr. 2016 Annuity Trust
Common Stock				6/8/2	2017			J		317	76 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$0	1	233395		D	
Common Stock 6/8/201				2017			J		317	3176 (2) D		\$0	21824		I	Karen P. Payne 2016 Annuity Trust		
Common Stock				6/8/2	2017			J		317	76 <u>(2)</u>	A	\$0		6694		I	Spouse
	Table	e II - Deri	ivative	Secu	rities]	Ben	eficially	Owned	(e.g. ,	, pu	ıts, ca	ılls, w	arrant	s, options, conve	ertible sec	urities)		
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Dee Execution Date, if			5. Number Derivative Securities (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4		Acquired sposed of	6. Date Exer Expiration D				Securities	nd Amount of s Underlying e Security nd 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expir	ation	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Stock Options	\$26.54								<u>(3</u>)	3/21/2	2027	Commo Stock	on 116100.0		116100	D	
Performance Award	<u>(4)</u>								<u>(4</u>)	12/31	/2021	Commo Stock	on 26380.0		26380	D	
Stock Options	\$20.06								<u>(5</u>)	2/23/2	2026	Commo Stock	on 58500.0		58500	D	
Performance Award	<u>(6)</u>								<u>(6</u>)	12/31	/2020	Commo Stock	on 17900.0		17900	D	
Stock Options	\$22.58								<u>(7</u>)	2/24/2	2022	Commo Stock	n 100000.0		100000	D	
Stock Options	\$20.49								<u>(8</u>)	3/3/2	2019	Commo	100000.0		100000	D	
Stock Options	\$16.73								<u>(9</u>)	5/22/2	2018	Commo Stock	n 100000.0		100000	D	
Stock Options	\$5.7								<u>(10</u>	<u>))</u>	2/28/2	2021	Commo Stock	on 3284.0		3284	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) On June 8, 2017, 3,176 shares of Common Stock were transferred from the Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (GRAT) in Mel Payne's name to his individual account.
- (2) On June 8, 2017, 3,176 shares of Common Stock were transferred from the Grantor Retained Annuity Trust (GRAT) in Karen Payne's name to her individual account.
- (3) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which will vest 1/5 each year

- on 3/21/2018, 3/21/2019, 3/21/2020, 3/21/2021 and 3/21/2022. These stock options expire on 3/21/2027.
- (4) Represents performance-based awards, payable in shares, granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2021 provided that certain criteria surrounding Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA (Adjusted Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization) and Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA Margin performance is achieved and the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date. The Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 50% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA Margin performance represents 50% of the award.
- (5) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which 1/5 vested on 2/23/2017 and 1/5 will vest on 2/23/2018, 2/23/2019, 2/23/2020 and 2/23/2021. These stock options expire on 2/23/2026.
- (6) Represents performance-based awards, payable in shares, granted under the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The award will vest (if at all) on December 31, 2020 provided that certain criteria surrounding Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA (Adjusted Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization) and Relative Shareholder Return performance is achieved and the Reporting Person has remained continuously employed by Carriage through such date. The Relative Shareholder Return performance represents 75% of the award and the Adjusted Consolidated EBITDA performance represents 25% of the award.
- (7) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 2/24/2016, 1/3 on 2/24/2017 and 1/3 will vest on 2/24/2018. These stock options expire on 2/24/2022.
- (8) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 1/3 on 3/3/2015, 1/3 on 3/3/2016 and 1/3 on 3/3/2017. These stock options expire on 3/3/2019.
- (9) Stock Options grant pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which vested 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.
- (10) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Carriage Services, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan of 44,702 options granted on 02/28/2011, of which 14,900 options vested on 02/28/2012 and 3,283 were exercised on 12/20/2012, 14,901 options vested on 02/28/2013 and 14,000 were exercised on 11/06/2015 and 24,135 options were exercised on 03/29/2016. These stock options expire on 02/28/2021.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner		Other				
PAYNE MELVIN C 3040 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X		СЕО					

Signatures

/s/ Melvin C. Payne 6/9/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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