CARRIAGE SERVICES INC

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## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

Form 3/A

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARRIAGE SERVICES INC [CSV]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/25/2009 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
4601 WEST	WAY PA	RK				03/09/2009		
BOULEVARD			(Check all applicable)					
(Street)				_X_Director10% Owner OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting	
HOUSTON	TX 7′	7041					Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	tive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	•	
Common St	ock		63,420 <u>(1)</u>		D	Â		
Reminder: Rep owned directly	-		ch class of securities benefici	ially S	EC 1473 (7-02	)		
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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	2. Date Exercisable and		4.	5. Ovumenshin	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities Underlying		Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
		Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

# **Reporting Owners**

		Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HEILIGBRODT L WILLIA 4601 WESTWAY PARK B HOUSTON, TX 77041	X	Â	Â	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ William L. Heiligbrodt	03/09/2009					
**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) These 63,420 shares were awarded by Registrant in connection with the election of the Reporting Person to the Board of Directors. 31,710 shares are vested immediately, 15,855 shares vest on February 25, 2010 and 15,855 shares vest on February 25, 2011.

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