CARRIAGE SERVICES INC Form 8-K March 16, 2015

**UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K **CURRENT REPORT** Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 16, 2015

Carriage Services, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 76-0423828 1-11961 (I.R.S. Employer (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

3040 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 300 Houston, Texas 77056 (713) 332-8400

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

Not Applicable.

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD

On March 16, 2015, Mel Payne, our Chief Executive Officer, sent a letter to certain institutional shareholders regarding their investment in Carriage Services, Inc. for communication purposes only. The letter and corresponding enclosures are attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information presented herein under Item 7.01 and set forth in the attached Exhibit 99.1 is deemed to be "furnished" solely pursuant to Item 7.01 of this report and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information or the exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements and information in this Current Report on Form 8-K may constitute "forward-looking statements" intended to qualify for the safe harbors from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. All statements regarding the consummation of the Asset Sale Agreement and all statements other than statements of historical facts included or incorporated herein may constitute forward-looking statements. The words "could," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "may," "continue," "predict," " "project" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. Actual results could vary significantly from those expressed or implied in such statements and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. The forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that affect our operations, financial performance, and other factors as discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Among the factors that could cause results to differ materially are those risks discussed in the periodic reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. You are urged to carefully review and consider the cautionary statements and other disclosures made in those filings, specifically those under the heading "Risk Factors." We do not undertake any duty to update any forward-looking statement except as required by law.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Shareholder Letter Template and corresponding enclosures dated March 16, 2015.

### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CARRIAGE SERVICES, INC.
Date: March 16, 2015 /s/ L. William Heiligbrodt

L. William Heiligbrodt

Executive Vice President and Secretary

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