STRONG RICHARD S Form SC 13G/A February 17, 2004

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### **SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 3)\*

Carriage Services, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

\$0.01 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

143905107

(CUSIP Number)

#### December 31, 2003

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[ ]
Rule 13d-1(b)
[X]
Rule 13d-1(c)
[ ]
Rule 13d-1(d)
*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.
The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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#### NAME OF REPORTING PERSON/

#### I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (Entities Only)

Richard S. Strong

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
  - (a) [ ]
  - (b) [ ]
- 3 SEC USE ONLY

#### 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

Number of 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

**Shares Beneficially** 

Owned by Each 0

Reporting Person

With

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

422,800

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

422,800

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

422,800

10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES					
	N/A					
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)					
	2.4%					
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON					
	IN					
	13G					
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Item 1(a)	).					
Name of	Issuer					
Carriage S	Services, Inc.					
currage	ger rices, mer					
Item 1(b)	).					
Address	of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices					
1900 Sain	nt James Place, 4th Floor					
Houston,	Texas 77056					
USA						

Item 2(a).
Name of Person Filing
Richard S. Strong
Item 2(b).
Address of Principal Business Office
c/o Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.
780 N. Water Street
Milwaukee
Wisconsin 53202
Item 2(c).
Citizenship
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U.S. Citizen
U.S. CHIZCH
Item 2(d).
Title of Class of Securities
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value.
Item 2(e).
CUSIP Number

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Item 3.	
If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13	6d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a
N/A	
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Item 4.	
Ownership	
(a) Amount beneficially owned:	
See responses to Item 9 of the cover pages	
(b)	
Percent of Class:	
See responses to Item 11 of the cover pages	

(c)

Number of shares as to which such persons have:
(i)
Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
0
(ii)
Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
See responses to Item 6 of the cover pages.
(iii)
Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
0
(iv)
Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
See responses to Item 8 of the cover pages.
Item 5.
Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class
If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following x.
Item 6.
Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person
N/A

Item 7.					
Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Berent Holding Company or Control Person	eing Reported on by the				
N/A					
Item 8.					
Identification and Classification of Members of the Group					
N/A					
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Item 9.					
Notice of Dissolution of Group					
N/A					
Item 10.					
Certifications					

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

#### **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable	e inquiry ar	nd to the b	est of my	knowledge	and belief,	I certify	that the	in formation	set forth	in this
statement is true	, complete a	and correct	- ••							

Dated: February 9, 2004

/s/ Richard S. Strong

Richard S. Strong\*