

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 GRAVES EARL G SR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/ [FD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O EARL G. GRAVES
 LIMITED, 130 5TH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/31/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/31/2005		M	183 A \$ 0	4,539 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	03/31/2005		M	183	03/31/2005 03/31/2005	Common Stock	183
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	03/31/2005		A	206	03/31/2008 03/31/2008	Common Stock	206
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	03/31/2005		A	206	(4) (4)	Common Stock	206

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRAVES EARL G SR C/O EARL G. GRAVES LIMITED 130 5TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011	X			

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Earl G. Graves, Sr. pursuant to a Power of Attorney 04/04/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Includes 4 shares received March 31, 2005 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Issuer's directors compensaton program.
- (2) 1-for-1 conversion.
- (3) The price noted is the average of the value of the stock units granted each month during the quarter for which this report is filed.
- (4) Units are to be received by the Reporting Person upon termination from the Board of Directors.

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