### BILLINGSLEY DANNY Form 3 September 11, 2012 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB approval

### 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BILLINGSLEY DANNY			2. Date of Event Requ Statement (Month/Day/Year)	0 5. 155del 14dil	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol FREDS INC [FRED]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/07/2012		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		nendment, Date Original Ionth/Day/Year)			
4300 NEW	GEIWELL	, KOAD		(Check	all applicable)					
	(Street)			(		6. Individual or Joint/Group				
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**Derivative Security** 

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BILLINGSLEY DANNY 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38118	Â	Â	Vice President	Â		
Signatures						
Anita Ryan by power of attorney	09/11/2012					
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

#### No securities are beneficially owned

\* 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).

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### **Remarks:**

Newly promoted to Vice President.

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