FREDS INC Form 3 May 12, 2015 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 3235-0104 Number: January 31, **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF** Expires: 2005 **SECURITIES** Estimated average burden hours per

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Person <u>*</u> Wooldridg	1	U	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/10/2015		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FREDS INC [FRED]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
4300 NEW G	ETWELL	ROAD						· · · ·		
	(Street)					all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group			
MEMPHIS,Â	TNÂ 381	.18			Director X Officer (give title below SVP Spec	Other	ow)	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - N	on-Derivati	ve Securiti	ies Bei	neficially Owned		
1.Title of Securit (Instr. 4)	у			eficially (Securities Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	*		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security: Security Direct (D) or Indirect		

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Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Wooldridge Bradley 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38118	Â	Â	SVP Specialty Pharmacy	Â			
Signatures							
Jerry Shore by power of attorney	05/1	2/2015					
**Signature of Reporting Person	1	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) Granted 5,000 shares of restricted stock. The shares vest in 1/3 increments upon achievement of performance metrics, or 10 years from the grant date.

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