Needleman Dana Goldsmith Form 3 June 04, 2018 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB APPROVAL FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB Number: **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF** Expires: **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addres Person <u>*</u> Needleman D	-	-	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/20/2018		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FREDS INC [FRED]					
(Last) (Fin	rst)	(Middle)			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
4300 NEW GET	WELL	ROAD		(Check all applicable)		· · · ·				
(Str	reet)						6. Individual or Joint/Group			
MEMPHIS, TN 38118					Officer 0% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)			Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (Sta	ate)	(Zip)		Table I - N	on-Derivati	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)				2. Amount of Beneficially ((Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	•		
Class A Common	n Stock			0 (1)		D	Â			
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Table	II - Deriv	ative Secur	ities Beneficial	lly Owned (e.	g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	ions, co	onvertible 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	Security Direct (D	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		
Needleman Dana Goldsmith 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38118	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		
Signatures						
Ronald T. Kay by power of attorney	(6/04/2018				
**Signature of Reporting Person		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) Reporting person currently has no beneficial ownership of FRED stock.

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