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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 28, 2007

FREDS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 001-14565

Tennessee

10111103300

62-0634010

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4300 New Getwell Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38118
-----(Address of principal executive offices)

(901) 365-8880

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(Former Name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;

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APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

Effective December 28, 2007, John D. Reier, President, and Gerald E. Thompson, R.Ph., Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, retired from the Company, pursuant to the Company's management succession plan. The Company issued a press release announcing their retirement on January 4, 2008.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (d) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press Release issued by Fred's, Inc., dated January 4, 2008.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FRED'S, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: January 4, 2008 By: /s/ Jerry A. Shore

Jerry A. Shore

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit(s)
99.1	Copy of press release issued by Fred's, Inc. on January 4, 2008.