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FREDS INC Form 8-K May 20, 2004

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): May 20, 2004

FRED'S, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 00-19288

Tennessee (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 62-0634010 (I. R. S. Employer Identification No.)

38118

(Zip Code)

4300 New Getwell Road, Memphis, TN (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (901) 365-8880

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(C)	Exhibits:	
Exhi Num	ibit nber	Description
99	9.1	Press release issued by Fred's, Inc., dated May 20, 2004

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 20, 2004, Fred's Inc. issued a press release announcing, among other things, its quarterly earnings results for its first quarter ended May 1, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

FRED'S, INC. (Registrant) By: /s/ Jerry A. Shore ______ Jerry A. Shore, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

May 20, 2004

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