

HAVERTY FURNITURE COMPANIES INC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )\***

HAVERTY FURNITURE COMPANIES, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A common stock, \$1.00 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

419596-20-0

(CUSIP Number)

Terry Ferraro Schwartz, Esq.  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3592

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications)

February 12, 2007

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. o

**Note:** Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See §240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

Estate of Rawson Haverty

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY:

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

4

OO/See Item 3

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e):

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

6

Georgia

SOLE VOTING POWER:

7

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER:

SHARES BENEFICIALLY 8

OWNED BY 0

EACH REPORTING PERSON      **9**      SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:  
0

WITH      **10**      SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:  
636,994 Shares of Class A common stock

**11**      AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:  
636,994 Shares of Class A common stock

**12**      CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
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**13**      PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):  
15.2%

**14**      TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

J. Rawson Haverty, Jr.

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY:

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

4

OO/See Item 3

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e):

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

6

United States

SOLE VOTING POWER:

7

NUMBER OF 1,090,825 Shares of Class A common stock

SHARED VOTING POWER:

SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8

13,500 Shares of Class A common stock

EACH REPORTING PERSON **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:  
179,860 Shares of Class A common stock

WITH **10** SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:  
919,165 Shares of Class A common stock

**11** AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:  
1,104,325 Shares of Class A common stock

**12** CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
o

**13** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):  
26.3%

**14** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
IN

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**Item 1. Security and Issuer.**

The name of the issuer is Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the Company ). The address of the Company's principal executive offices is 780 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia 30342. The title of the class of equity securities to which this statement on Schedule 13D (this Schedule 13D ) relates is the Class A common stock of the Company, par value \$1.00 per share (the Class A common stock ).

**Item 2. Identity and Background.**

- (a) The names of the persons filing this Schedule 13D are the Estate of Rawson Haverty (the Estate ) and J. Rawson Haverty, Jr. (collectively, the Reporting Persons ).
  - (b) The address of the Estate is c/o Jane M. Haverty, Smith Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Promenade II, Suite 3100, 1230 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3592. J. Rawson Haverty Jr.'s business address is 780 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia 30342.
  - (c) The principal purpose of the Estate is to consolidate, hold and manage the ownership of the decedent's assets. J. Rawson Haverty, Jr. serves as a co-executor of the Estate. J. Rawson Haverty, Jr.'s principal occupation is Senior Vice President, Real Estate and Development for the Company. His principal business address is 780 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia 30342.
  - (d)(e) During the past five years, neither of the Reporting Persons have been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) nor have any of them been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction which resulted in such person being subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
  - (f) J. Rawson Haverty, Jr. is a citizen of the United States of America.
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**Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.**

The shares of the Company's Class A common stock held by the Estate and subject to reporting on this Schedule 13D were formerly held by the decedent. On May 9, 2007 and on May 11, 2007, J. Rawson Haverty, Jr. inherited 18,870 and 666 shares of the Company's Class A common stock, respectively. All other shares of Class A common stock held by Mr. Haverty were acquired more than 60 days prior to the transfer of Class A common stock to the Estate, which necessitated this Schedule 13D.

**Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.**

The Reporting Persons acquired for investment purposes all of the shares of the Company's Class A common stock for which they are deemed to be a beneficial owner.

- (a) The Estate has no plans to acquire additional shares of the Company's Class A common stock. Members of the Haverty family, including J. Rawson Haverty, Jr., plan to contribute the Estate's shares and shares that they own individually and through their affiliates to a partnership being formed for the purpose of holding the Company's Class A common stock. J. Rawson Haverty, Jr. will serve as the manager of the entity that will be the general partner of the partnership and will have voting power over all of the Class A common stock held by the partnership.
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- (g) The Reporting Persons have no present plans or proposals which relate to or would result in changes in the Company's charter, bylaws or other governing instruments which may impede the acquisition of control of the Company by any person.
- (h) The Reporting Persons have no present plans or proposals which relate to or would result in causing any of the Company's securities to be delisted from a national securities exchange.
- (i) The Reporting Persons have no present plans or proposals which relate to or would result in a class of securities of the company becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (j) The Reporting Persons have no present plans or proposals which relate to or would result in any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.**

- (a)(b) The Estate beneficially owns 636,994 shares or 15.2% of the Class A common stock over which its co-executor, J. Rawson Haverty, Jr. holds sole voting power and thus shares beneficial ownership.

J. Rawson Haverty, Jr. beneficially owns 1,104,325 shares or 26.3% of the Class A common stock. Mr. Haverty has sole dispositive power with respect to 179,860 shares of Class A common stock and sole voting power with respect to 1,090,825 shares of Class A common stock. Mr. Haverty shares dispositive power with respect to 636,994 shares of Class A common stock held by the Estate and 87,187 shares of Class A common stock held by his mother, respectively, with his siblings, Jane M. Haverty and Ben M. Haverty. Mr. Haverty shares dispositive power over 186,784 shares held by the Mary E. Haverty Foundation (the Foundation) with the other trustees of the Foundation: Margaret E. Haverty Glover, Jane M. Haverty, Mary E. Haverty Bousson and Ben M. Haverty.

Margaret E. Haverty Glover, Jane M. Haverty, Mary E. Haverty Bousson and Ben M. Haverty are all citizens of the United States of America. None of them have been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) nor have any of them been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction which resulted in such person being subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

- (c) On May 9, 2007 and on May 11, 2007, J. Rawson Haverty, Jr. inherited 18,870 and 666 shares of the Company's Class A common stock, respectively.
  - (d) Not applicable.
  - (e) Not applicable.
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**Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.**

J. Rawson Haverty, Jr. has sole voting power over the shares of Class A common stock held by the Estate pursuant to a revocable proxy from the Estate's two other co-executors. A copy of this proxy is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

Mr. Haverty has sole voting power over 186,784 shares of Class A common stock held by Margaret M. Haverty pursuant to a revocable proxy dated March 19, 2007 which is attached as Exhibit 99.3. Mr. Haverty has sole voting power over 87,187 shares of Class A common stock held by the Mary E. Haverty Foundation pursuant to a revocable proxy dated March 20, 2007 which is attached as Exhibit 99.4.

Except as described above, there are no other contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) between the Reporting Persons and any other person with respect to any securities of the Company.

**Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.**

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| Exhibit 99.1 | Joint Filing Agreement by and between the Estate of Rawson Haverty and J. Rawson Haverty, Jr. dated July 19, 2007 |
| Exhibit 99.2 | Proxy from Jane Middleton Haverty and Ben Munnerlyn Haverty dated March 20, 2007                                  |
| Exhibit 99.3 | Revocable Proxy from Margaret M. Haverty dated March 19, 2007   |
| Exhibit 99.4 | Revocable Proxy from Co- Trustees of the Mary E. Haverty Foundation dated March 20, 2007                          |
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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

July 20, 2007

**ESTATE OF RAWSON HAVERTY**

By: /s/ Jane M. Haverty  
Jane M. Haverty  
Co-Executor

**J. RAWSON HAVERTY, JR.**

/s/ J. Rawson Haverty, Jr.  
J. Rawson Haverty, Jr.