

VAIL CHARLES
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
VAIL CHARLES

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FREDS INC [FRED]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD

(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
04/15/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Secretary

MEMPHIS, TN 38118

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or (D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security	or Disposed of (D)		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
Option on Class A Common Stock	\$ 13.25	03/21/2013	Â	J	Â	4,000 ⁽¹⁾	03/21/2011 03/21/2013	Class A Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VAIL CHARLES 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38118	Â	Â	Â Secretary	Â

Signatures

Jerry Shore by power of attorney 04/15/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) The options expired unexercised.

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