Klein Nathaniel Evan Form 3 December 17, 2018 **FORM 3** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 2025 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addre Person <u>*</u> Klein Nathar	1	U	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FREDS INC [FRED]				
(Last) (F 4300 NEW GE	ŕ	(Middle)	12/07/2018	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
	treet)			Director X Officer (give title below	all applicable) 10% (Other /) (specify belo ance and Strate	w)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (S	state)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	•	
Class A Commo	on Stock		0		D	Â		
Reminder: Report o owned directly or in		e line for eac	ch class of securities benefic	ially SI	EC 1473 (7-02)		
	informa require	ition conta d to respo	oond to the collection of ined in this form are not nd unless the form displ IB control number.	t				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible 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	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

3235-0104

January 31,

2005

0.5

Number:

Expires:

response...

Estimated average burden hours per

Shares

(I) (Inc

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Klein Nathaniel Evan 4300 NEW GETWELL ROAD MEMPHIS, TN 38118	Â	Â	SVP - Finance and Strategy	Â			
Signatures							
Benjamin L. Morgan by power of attorney.		12/17/2018					
<pre>Signature of Reporting Person</pre>		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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.