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FRIEDMANS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): January 18, 2005  
(January 14, 2005)

Friedman's Inc.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

0-22356  
(Commission File  
Number)

58-20583  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

171 Crossroads Parkway  
Savannah, Georgia 31422  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(912) 233-9333  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.03 Bankruptcy or Receivership.

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On January 14, 2005, Friedman's Inc. ("Friedman's" or the "Company") and certain of its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Debtors") filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Georgia, located in Savannah (the "Bankruptcy Court") (Case No. 05-40129) (the "Chapter 11 Case"). The Debtors remain in possession of their assets and properties and continue to operate their business as "debtors-in-possession" under the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

On January 15, 2005, the Company issued a press release which announced the Chapter 11 Case. The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

| Exhibit<br>Number<br>----- | Description<br>-----                 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Exhibit 99.1               | Press release dated January 15, 2005 |

### 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.

FRIEDMAN'S INC.

Date: January 18, 2005

By: /s/ C. Steven Moore

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C. Steven Moore  
Chief Administrative Officer  
and General Counsel

### EXHIBIT INDEX

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