UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.1)*

| FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES |
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| (Name of Issuer) |
| COMMON STOCK |
| 31410Н10-1 |
| (CUSIP Number) |

Check the following if a fee is being paid with this statement _. (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

*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 susequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| CUSIP No. 31410H10-1 SCHEDULE 13G | |
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| 1. Name of Reporting Person S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person ARK ASSET MANGEMENT CO., INC. | |
| 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group * (b) | (a) |
| 3. SEC Use Only | |
| 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization | |
| New York | |
| 5. Sole Voting Power 5,518,010 SHARES Number Of Shares | |
| 6. Shared Voting Power Beneficially NONE | |
| Owned By | |

| Reporting | 8. Shared Dispositive Power |
|--------------------|--|
| Person | NONE |
| With | |
| 9. Aggregate | Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person |
| | 6,766,710 SHARES |
| Excludes C | the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Certain Shares* |
| 11. Percent o | f Class Represented by Amount in Row 9 3.2% |
| 12. Type of R | Reporting Person* |
| | I.A. |

The filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that Ark Asset Management Co., Inc. is the beneficial owner of the securities covered by such statement.

ITEM 1 (a). Name of Issuer

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES

ITEM 1 (b). Address of Issuer

7 WEST SEVENTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH. 45202

ITEM 2 (a). Name of Person Filing

ARK ASSET MANAGEMENT CO., INC.

ITEM 2 (b). Address of Principal Business Office

125 Broad Street New York, N.Y. 10004

ITEM 2 (c). Place of Organization.

New York

ITEM 2 (d). Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock

ITEM 2 (e). Cusip Number 31410H10-1

ITEM 3. (a) Ark Asset Management Co., Inc. is an investment advisor registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

ITEM 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially owned 6,766,710 shares

(b) Percent of Class: 3.2%

^{*}See Instruction Before Filling Out

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(1) Sole power to vote: 5,518,010 shares

(2) Shared power to vote: NONE

(3) Sole power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of: 6,766,710 shares

(4) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: NONE

ITEM 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

The reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of this class of security.

ITEM 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable

ITEM 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company

Not Applicable

ITEM 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

ITEM 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

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ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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

Date: January 20,2000

Name: Lauri London Title:General Counsel