

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

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person:

Thomas, Townsend
FactSet Research Systems Inc.
One Greenwich Plaza
Greenwich, CT 06830

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS INC. (FDS)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)

N/A

4. Statement for Month/Date/Year

10/15/02

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

N/A

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (* give title below) Other (specify below)

* Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

Form filed by one Reporting Person

Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

TABLE I - NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1. Title of Security (Instr.3)	2. Transaction Date mm/dd/yy	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(A) Amount	(D) Price			

FactSet Research Systems Inc. Common Stock	02/28/02	P	238	A	\$25.415
	05/31/02	P	188	A	\$27.710
	08/30/02	P	226	A	\$21.080
	12/21/01	P	192	A	\$34.580
	03/21/02	P	179	A	\$37.250
	06/21/02	P	286	A	\$29.170
	08/30/02	P	355	A	\$24.800

283,985

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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 Deriv- ative Security	3. Trans- action mm/dd/yy	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Deriv- ative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Benefi- cial Own- ership (Instr. 4)
				(A)	(D)	Date Excer- cisable	Expira- tion Date	Amount or Number of Title Share	Share				
FactSet Research Systems Inc. Stock Options											92,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Signature of Reporting Person

Date: October 15, 2002

/s/ Townsend Thomas
Townsend Thomas

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).