

Hamel Matthew E  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Hamel Matthew E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BROWN FORMAN CORP  
 [BFA/BFB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 850 DIXIE HIGHWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/30/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Gen Counsel and Secretary

LOUISVILLE, KY 40210

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common	04/30/2012		F		363 <sup>(1)</sup> D 84.59 <sub>(2)</sub>	684	D
Class B Common						1,956.017 <sup>(3)</sup>	I 401(k)

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 Derivative Security	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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 53.62					05/01/2010	04/30/2017	Class B Common	9,511
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 56.58					05/01/2011	04/30/2018	Class B Common	9,190
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 43.1					05/01/2012	04/30/2019	Class B Common	18,822
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 61.24					05/01/2013	04/30/2020	Class B Common	15,797
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 73.95					05/01/2014	04/30/2021	Class B Common	15,022

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hamel Matthew E 850 DIXIE HIGHWAY LOUISVILLE, KY 40210			EVP, Gen Counsel and Secretary	

## Signatures

Diane M. Barhorst, Attorney in Fact for Matthew E. Hamel

05/02/2012

\*\*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) To satisfy tax withholding obligations associated with the July 24, 2008 grant of Class A common stock that vested on April 30, 2012, the reporting person surrendered 363 shares of Class A common stock.
- (2) The closing price of BF-A (\$84.59) on April 30, 2012 was used to calculate the tax withholding obligations.
- (3) Number of shares the reporting person has acquired under the Brown-Forman 401(k) plan as of May 1, 2012.

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