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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)
06/01/2012

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

LOUISVILLE, KY 40210

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Class A Common | 06/01/2012 | | A | (A) or (D) 2,425 (1) | \$ 0 3,109 | D | |
| Class B Common | | | | | 1,988.571 (2) | I | 401(k) |
| Class B Common | | | | | 159.467 (3) | I | ESPP |

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

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850 DIXIE HIGHWAY
LOUISVILLE, KY 40210

EVP, Gen Counsel and Secretary

Signatures

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

06/01/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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These shares were issued on June 1, 2012 in connection with a July 23, 2009 award of Class A Common Performance-Based Restricted Stock. The award - initially determined as a cash value - was subject to a three-year performance period, which ended April 30, 2012. The

- (1) number of shares issued was determined by multiplying the cash value of the award by a three-year performance adjustment factor, adjusting upwards to account for dividends paid during the second and third years of the performance period, and then dividing that amount by \$46.40, which was the closing price of the issuer's Class A common stock on the date of the grant.
- (2) Number of shares the reporting person has acquired under the Brown-Forman 401(k) plan as of May 31, 2012.
- (3) Includes shares acquired through the Brown-Forman Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Program as of close of business on May 25, 2012.

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