WELCH JAMES S JR

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WELCH JAMES S JR			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) 850 DIXIE I	(Mon			ay/Year		ansaction			X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice Chairman Strategy and HR			
LOUISVILL	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Noi	n-De	erivative S	Securi	ities Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	emed on Date, if 'Day/Year)	Code (Instr.		4. Securiton(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	spose 4 and (A) or	d of	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	05/01/2009			F		665 (1)	D	\$ 48.7 (2)	11,385	D		
Class B						222 (1)		\$	2.225(2)			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Common

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber 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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.67					05/01/2004	04/30/2011	Class B Common	9,492 (4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.06					05/01/2005	04/30/2012	Class B Common	9,658 (5)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.35					05/01/2007	04/30/2014	Class B Common	15,730 (6)
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 46.19					05/01/2008	04/30/2015	Class B Common	14,543 (7)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 56.5					05/01/2009	04/30/2016	Class B Common	8,344 (8)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 54.58					05/01/2010	04/30/2017	Class B Common	14,804 (9)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 57.4					05/01/2011	04/30/2018	Class B Common	13,588 (10)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Topolong of the Fund of Fund of	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WELCH JAMES S JR							
850 DIXIE HIGHWAY	X		Vice Chairman Strategy and HR				
LOUISVILLE KY 40210							

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Date

Signatures

Nelea A. Absher, Attn. in Fact for: James S. Welch, Jr. 05/05/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) The reporting person surrendered 665 shares of Class A Common Stock and 927 shares of Class B Common Stock to satisfy a tax withholding obligation related to the vesting on April 30, 2009, of a July 22, 2004 grant of restricted shares.
- (2) The closing prices of BF-A and BF-B, on April 30, 2009, were used to calculate the tax withholding obligation.
- (3) In October 2008, the Issuer completed a stock distribution of one share of Class B common stock for every four shares of either Class A or Class B common stock held. This total has been adjusted to reflect 4,591 Class B shares received through the distribution.
- (4) These options were previously reported as covering 7,593 shares at an exercise price of \$33.34 per share, but were adjusted to reflect the October 2008 stock distribution.
- (5) These options were previously reported as covering 7,726 shares at an exercise price of \$31.33 per share, but were adjusted to reflect the October 2008 stock distribution.
- (6) These options were previously reported as covering 12,584 shares at an exercise price of \$45.44 per share, but were adjusted to reflect the October 2008 stock distribution.
- (7) These stock appreciation rights were previously reported as covering 11,634 shares at an exercise price of \$57.74 per share, but were adjusted to reflect the October 2008 stock distribution.
- (8) These stock appreciation rights were previously reported as covering 6,675 shares at an exercise price of \$70.63 per share, but were adjusted to reflect the October 2008 stock distribution.
- (9) These stock appreciation rights were previously reported as covering 11,843 shares at an exercise price of \$68.22 per share, but were adjusted to reflect the October 2008 stock distribution.
- (10) These stock appreciation rights were previously reported as covering 10,870 shares at an exercise price of \$71.75 per share, but were adjusted to reflect the October 2008 stock distribution.

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