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### FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Hamel Matthew E Issuer Symbol **BROWN FORMAN CORP** (Check all applicable) [BFA/BFB]

850 DIXIE HIGHWAY

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

below) 04/30/2012

EVP, Gen Counsel and Secretary 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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LOUISVILLE, KY 40210

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price \$ F 363 (1) D 84.59 684

Class A 04/30/2012 D Common (2)

Class B  $1,956.017 \frac{(3)}{}$  I 401(k)Common

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Denivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |                     | te                 | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities                          |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                  | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                     | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Right                      | \$ 53.62  |   |   |   |   | 05/01/2010          | 04/30/2017         | Class B<br>Common                         | 9,511                               |
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Right                      | \$ 56.58  |   |   |   |   | 05/01/2011          | 04/30/2018         | Class B<br>Common                         | 9,190                               |
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Right                      | \$ 43.1   |   |   |   |   | 05/01/2012          | 04/30/2019         | Class B<br>Common                         | 18,822                              |
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Right                      | \$ 61.24  |   |   |   |   | 05/01/2013          | 04/30/2020         | Class B<br>Common                         | 15,797                              |
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Right                      | \$ 73.95  |   |   |   |   | 05/01/2014          | 04/30/2021         | Class B<br>Common                         | 15,022                              |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |

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EVP, Gen Counsel and Secretary

850 DIXIE HIGHWAY LOUISVILLE, KY 40210

## **Signatures**

Diane M. Barhorst, Attorney in Fact for Matthew E. Hamel 05/02/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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## **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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