

Brown George Garvin IV  
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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 \*  
 Brown George Garvin IV

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 HWY  
 (Street)

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

LOUISVILLE, KY 40210

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

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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common					120,000	D	
Class A Common					402,155	I	GGB4 2012 LLC
Class A Common					2,642,357	I	CBGB LLC
Class A Common					34,767	I	Trust u/a FBO Geo. Garvin Brown IV
					353,036	I	

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Class A Common									GGB4 2010#1 LLC
Class A Common						3,419		I	Crumney Trust
Class A Common						1,271		I	By Spouse
Class A Common						14		I	By G. Garvin Brown III estate
Class B Common	04/30/2012		M	820	A	\$ 24.7	148,189	D	
Class B Common							19,229	I	GGB4 2012 LLC
Class B Common							360,589	I	CBGB, LLC
Class B Common							10,792	I	Trust u/a FBO Geo. Garvin Brown IV
Class B Common							52,200	I	GGB4 2010 #2 LLC
Class B Common							1,513	I	Crumney Trust
Class B Common							6,877.973 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan
Class B Common							1,831	I	By G. Garvin Brown III estate

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.7	04/30/2012	M	820					05/01/2005	04/30/2012	Class B Common	820
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.18								05/01/2006	04/30/2013	Class B Common	1,179
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.83								05/01/2007	04/30/2014	Class B Common	1,938
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 45.53								05/01/2008	04/30/2015	Class B Common	670
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 55.69								05/01/2009	04/30/2016	Class B Common	920
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 53.8								05/01/2010	04/30/2017	Class B Common	1,053
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 56.58								05/01/2011	07/24/2018	Class B Common	967
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 43.1								05/01/2012	04/30/2019	Class B Common	2,957
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)								(3)	(3)	Class B Common	545
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)								(4)	(4)	Class B Common	2,078

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X		Executive Vice President	

Brown George Garvin IV  
850 DIXIE HWY  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40210

## Signatures

Diane M. Barhorst, Atty. in Fact for George Garvin  
Brown IV

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) Number of shares the reporting person has acquired under the Brown-Forman 401(k) plan as of April 30, 2012.
  - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Brown-Forman Class B common stock.
  - (3) The restricted stock units vest April 30, 2014.
  - (4) The restricted stock units vest April 30, 2015.

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