

BROWN FORMAN CORP
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FORM 4

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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 W L LYONS 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) (First) (Middle)
850 DIXIE HIGHWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2004

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common					426,008	D	
Class A Common					418,912	I	2002 LLC
Class A Common					606,478	I	GRAT (Grantor trust)
Class A Common					3,444.6	I	Partnership/Nectar
Class A Common					438,008.6	I	Trust/Partnership

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Class A Common						2,036,694.6	I	Trust/Remainder
Class A Common						326,886	I	by Spouse
Class B Common	12/13/2004		G	1,359	D	\$ 0 19,615	D	
Class B Common						3,300	I	Partnership/Hebe
Class B Common						924,017	I	Trust/Partnership
Class B Common						2,316,744.6	I	Trust/Remainder
Class B Common						26,898	I	by Spouse

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BROWN W L LYONS JR 850 DIXIE HIGHWAY LOUISVILLE, KY 40210		X		

Signatures

Nelea A. Absher Attn. in Fact for: W.L. Lyons
Brown, Jr.

12/17/2004

__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).

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