

BROWN FORMAN CORP  
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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 \*  
**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) (First) (Middle)  
**850 DIXIE HIGHWAY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/11/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice Chairman Strategy and HR

**LOUISVILLE, KY 40210**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common <sup>(1)</sup>	08/11/2005		A	3,710	A \$ 0 3,710	D	
Class B Common					6,322	D	

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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.63					05/01/2001	04/30/2008	Class A Common	5,274
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.13					05/01/2002	04/30/2009	Class B Common	11,718
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.11					05/01/2005	04/30/2012	Class A Common	7,538
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.17					05/01/2004	04/30/2011	Class B Common	7,408
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 50					05/01/2006	08/31/2007	Class B Common	600
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.58					05/01/2007	04/30/2014	Class B Common	12,277
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 59.18					05/01/2008	04/30/2015	Class A Common	11,350

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

08/11/2005

\_\_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) The reporting person was awarded these shares of restricted stock under the Brown-Forman Omnibus Compensation Plan, based on the Company's fiscal 2005 performance.

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