

Brown WL Lyons III  
Form SC 13G  
May 10, 2012

# **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

# **BROWN-FORMAN CORPORATION**

**(Name of Issuer)**

**Class A Common Stock**

**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**115637-10-0**

**(CUSIP Number)**

**April 30, 2012**

**(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)**

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed.

Rule 13d-1(b)

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Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

CUSIP No. 115637-10-0

(1) Names of reporting persons

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

W.L. Lyons Brown III

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Citizenship or place of organization

United States of America

(5) Sole voting power

Number of

shares 464  
(6) Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by 2,869,020  
each (7) Sole dispositive power

reporting

person 464  
(8) Shared dispositive power

with:

2,869,020

(9) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

2,869,484

(10) Check if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares (see instructions).

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N/A

(11) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (9)

5.1%

(12) Type of reporting person (see instructions)

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**Item 1.**

Brown-Forman Corporation

850 Dixie Highway

Louisville, Kentucky 40210

**Item 2.**

a) Name:

W.L. Lyons Brown III

b) Principal Business address:  
Louisville, Kentucky 40222

657 South Hurstbourne Parkway, #228

c) United States of America

d) Brown-Forman Corporation Class A Common Stock

e) 0115637-10-0

**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h)  A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
- (j)  Group, in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

**Item 4. Ownership.**

The number of shares beneficially owned by the undersigned as of April 30, 2012, is as follows:

	Aggregate
	Number
(a) Beneficially Owned	2,869,484
(b) Percent of Class	5.1%
(c) Sole Voting Power	464
Shared Voting Power	2,869,020
Sole Disposition Power	464
Shared Disposition Power	2,869,020

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [            ].

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.**

Other individuals have the right to receive dividends and the proceeds of sale from certain shares for which the undersigned has either sole or shared voting and dispositional control.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.**

N/A

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.**

N/A

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.**

N/A

**Item 10. Certification.**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

**Signature**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 10, 2012

/s/ Laura H. Pulliam  
W.L. Lyons Brown III, by Laura H. Pulliam,

Attorney-in-Fact, pursuant to Power of Attorney dated  
May 7, 2012

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

The undersigned does hereby constitute and appoint each of Nelea A. Absher, Holli H. Lewis, Diane M. Barhorst, and Laura H. Pulliam, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

1. prepare, execute and file, for and on behalf of the undersigned, Form ID, Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act) and the rules thereunder, and Schedules 13D and 13G (including amendments thereto) in accordance with Sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Act and the rules thereunder;
2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to prepare and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 (including amendments thereto) or Schedule 13D or 13G (including amendments thereto) and timely file that Form or Schedule with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority, and provide a copy as required by law or advisable to such persons as the attorney-in-fact deems appropriate; and
3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of the attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required of the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by the attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as the attorney-in-fact may approve in the attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the attorney-in-fact, or the attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, and their substitutes, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is Brown-Forman Corporation (the Corporation) assuming, (i) any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 or Sections 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act or (ii) any liability of the undersigned for failure to comply with such requirements. This Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from the undersigned's obligations to comply with the requirements of the Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 or Sections 13(d) or 13(g) thereunder. The undersigned agrees that each such attorney-in-fact may rely entirely on information furnished orally or in writing by or at the direction of the undersigned to the attorney-in-fact.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 and Schedules 13D and 13G with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Corporation, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys in fact. This Power of Attorney does not revoke any other power of attorney that the undersigned has previously granted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

/s/ W. L. Lyons Brown III  
W.L. LYONS BROWN III