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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

March 31, 2016

Brown-Forman Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 002-26821 61-0143150

(State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Incorporation)

850 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Kentucky
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (502) 585-1100

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 31, 2016, James S. Welch, Jr., Vice Chairman and Executive Director of Corporate and Civic Affairs of Brown-Forman Corporation (the "Company"), announced that he will be retiring effective May 31, 2016. Following his retirement as Vice Chairman and Executive Director of Corporate and Civic Affairs, Mr. Welch will continue to serve as member of the Company's Board of Directors. His current term expires at the Company's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BROWN-FORMAN CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: April 1, 2016 /s/ Michael E. Carr, Jr.

Michael E. Carr, Jr.

Vice President, Managing Attorney and Assistant

Corporate Secretary