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Form **990-PF**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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OMB No 1545-0052

2015

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015

Name of foundation
BENSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

A Employer identification number
20-6077479

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)
4042 OVID AVENUE

Room/suite

B Telephone number (see instructions)
(515) 255-0765

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
DES MOINES, IA 503104148

C If exemption application is pending, check here ▶ ☐

G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity
☐ Final return ☐ Amended return
☐ Address change ☐ Name change

D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ▶ ☐
2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ▶ ☐

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ▶ ☐

H Check type of organization ☑ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year *(from Part II, col. (c), line 16)* ▶$ 122,079

J Accounting method ☑ Cash ☐ Accrual
☐ Other (specify) ________
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ▶ ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses *(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))*

Section	Line	Description	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)				
	2	Check ▶ ☑ if the foundation is **not** required to attach Sch B				
	3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	1	1	1	
	4	Dividends and interest from securities	3,347	3,347	3,347	
	5a	Gross rents				
	b	Net rental income or (loss) ________				
	6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	3,459			
	b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 15,836				
	7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		3,459		
	8	Net short-term capital gain			708	
	9	Income modifications				
	10a	Gross sales less returns and allowances				
	b	Less Cost of goods sold				
	c	Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11	Other income (attach schedule)				
	12	**Total.** Add lines 1 through 11	6,807	6,807	4,056	
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14	Other employee salaries and wages				
	15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a	Legal fees (attach schedule)	250		250	
	b	Accounting fees (attach schedule)	740		740	
	c	Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17	Interest				
	18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	29	29	29	
	19	Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	102			
	20	Occupancy				
	21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22	Printing and publications				
	23	Other expenses (attach schedule)	2,089	1,880	2,089	
	24	**Total operating and administrative expenses.** Add lines 13 through 23	3,210	1,909	3,108	0
	25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	6,712			6,712
	26	**Total expenses and disbursements.** Add lines 24 and 25	9,922	1,909	3,108	6,712
	27	Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a	**Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements**	-3,115			
	b	**Net investment income** (if negative, enter -0-)		4,898		
	c	**Adjusted net income** (if negative, enter -0-)			948	

Part II	Balance Sheets — Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year (a) Book Value	End of year (b) Book Value	End of year (c) Fair Market Value
1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			
2	Savings and temporary cash investments	10,831	3,961	3,961
3	Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
4	Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
5	Grants receivable			
6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶			
	Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
8	Inventories for sale or use			
9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	31,716	31,716	41,340
c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
12	Investments—mortgage loans			
13	Investments—other (attach schedule)	70,066	73,923	76,625
14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ 886			
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ 733	255	153	153
15	Other assets (describe ▶)			
16	**Total assets** (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	112,868	109,753	122,079
17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
18	Grants payable			
19	Deferred revenue			
20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
23	**Total liabilities** (add lines 17 through 22)		0	
	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
24	Unrestricted			
25	Temporarily restricted			
26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 27 through 31.			
27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	112,868	109,753	
30	**Total net assets or fund balances** (see instructions)	112,868	109,753	
31	**Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances** (see instructions)	112,868	109,753	

Assets (lines 1–16); Liabilities (lines 17–23); Net Assets or Fund Balances (lines 24–31)

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	112,868
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-3,115
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	109,753
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	109,753

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

	(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
1a	See Additional Data Table			
b				
c				
d				
e				

	(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a	See Additional Data Table			
b				
c				
d				
e				

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69				(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
	(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
a	See Additional Data Table			
b				
c				
d				
e				

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 / If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	2	3,459
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	3	708

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)
If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2014	5,995	129,123	0 046429
2013	5,803	121,373	0 047811
2012	6,446	122,769	0 052505
2011	5,959	125,208	0 047593
2010	5,490	124,643	0 044046

2	**Total** of line 1, column (d).	2	0 238384
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0 047677
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	4	123,470
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	5,887
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	49
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	5,936
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	6,712

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See the Part VI instructions

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ▶ ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter ____________ **(attach copy of letter if necessary–see instructions)**		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ▶ ☑ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	49
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	2	0
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	49
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	4	
5	**Tax based on investment income.** Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-	5	49
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015 — 6a		
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source . . . . — 6b		
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868). . . — 6c		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld . . . . — 6d		
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	
8	Enter any **penalty** for underpayment of estimated tax Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	**Tax due.** If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter **amount owed** . . . . ▶	9	49
10	**Overpayment.** If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the **amount overpaid**. . . ▶	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be **Credited to 2015 estimated tax** ▶ 0 **Refunded** ▶	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

			Yes	No
1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a		No
b	Did it spend more than $100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)?.	1b		No
	*If the answer is "Yes" to **1a** or **1b**, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.*			
c	Did the foundation file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?.	1c		No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year **(1)** On the foundation ▶ $ ______________ **(2)** On foundation managers ▶ $ ______________			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ▶ $ ______________			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?	2		No
	If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.			
3	Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? *If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes*	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?.	4a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?.	4b		
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?	5		No
	If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.			
6	Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	Yes	
7	Did the foundation have at least $5,000 in assets at any time during the year? *If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.*	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ IA			
b	If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? *If "No," attach explanation* .	8b	Yes	
9	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? *If "Yes," complete Part XIV*	9		No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? *If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.*	10		No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities *(continued)*

		Line	Yes	No
11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	Yes	

Website address ▶N/A

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15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of **Form 1041** —Check here . . . . ▶ ☐
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year . . . . ▶ | 15 |

		Line	Yes	No
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16		No
	See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country ▶			

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

	File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.	Line	Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)			
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (**Exception.** Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). ☐ Yes ☑ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did **any** of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53 4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?	1b		
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ▶☐			
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
	If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____ , 20____ , 20____ , 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is **not** applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to **all** years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions)	2b		No
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to **any** of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20____ , 20____ , 20____ , 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☑ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of **(1)** any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, **(2)** the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or **(3)** the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? *(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.)*	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	4b		No

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required *(Continued)*

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No**

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No**

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No**

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc , organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions). ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No**

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No**

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53 4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? **5b**

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ ☐

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No**

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? **6b** **No**

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? ☐ **Yes** ☑ **No**

b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? **7b**

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	**(b)** Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	**(c)** Compensation **(If not paid, enter -0-)**	**(d)** Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	**(e)** Expense account, other allowances
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2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $50,000	**(b)** Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	**(c)** Compensation	**(d)** Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	**(e)** Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over $50,000 ▶ 0

Part VIII **Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)***

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than $50,000	**(b)** Type of service	**(c)** Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over $50,000 for professional services . . . . ▶		0

Part IX-A **Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B **Summary of Program-Related Investments** (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions 3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . ▶	

Part X Minimum Investment Return

(All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations,see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	117,914
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	7,236
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	200
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	125,350
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation). 1e		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	125,350
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	1,880
5	**Net value of noncharitable-use assets.** Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	123,470
6	**Minimum investment return.** Enter 5% of line 5.	6	6,174

Part XI Distributable Amount

(see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ▶ ☐ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.			1	6,174
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	49		
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b			
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.			2c	49
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.			3	6,125
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.			4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.			5	6,125
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).			6	
7	**Distributable amount** as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.			7	6,125

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26.	1a	6,712
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes.	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	**Qualifying distributions.** Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	6,712
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions).	5	49
6	**Adjusted qualifying distributions.** Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	6,663

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

			(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1	Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7					6,125
2	Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015					
a	Enter amount for 2014 only.				335	
b	Total for prior years 20___, 20___, 20___					
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015					
a	From 2010.					
b	From 2011.					
c	From 2012.					
d	From 2013.					
e	From 2014.					
f	**Total** of lines 3a through e.					
4	Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ $ 6,712					
a	Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a				335	
b	Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).					
c	Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).					
d	Applied to 2015 distributable amount.					6,125
e	Remaining amount distributed out of corpus		252			
5	Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 *(If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)*					
6	**Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:**					
a	Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5		252			
b	Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b					
c	Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.					
d	Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount —see instructions					
e	Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions					
f	Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015					0
7	Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)					
8	Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions) . . .					
9	**Excess distributions carryover to 2016.** Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a		252			
10	Analysis of line 9					
a	Excess from 2011. . . .					
b	Excess from 2012. . . .					
c	Excess from 2013. . . .					
d	Excess from 2014. . . .					
e	Excess from 2015. . . .	252				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling. . . . . . ▶

b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2015	**(b)** 2014	**(c)** 2013	**(d)** 2012	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon **a** "Assets" alternative test—enter **(1)** Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test—enter **(1)** Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had $5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than $5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

NONE

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

NONE

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ▶☑ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

c Any submission deadlines

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

Part XV **Supplementary Information** (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year* See Additional Data Table				
Total . . . . ▶ **3a**				6,712
b *Approved for future payment*				
Total . . . . ▶ **3b**				

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments. . . .					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	1	
4 Dividends and interest from securities. . .			14	3,347	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property.					
b Not debt-financed property.					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income.					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18		3,459
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory . .					
11 Other revenue a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e). .				3,348	3,459

13 **Total.** Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e). **13** 6,807

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Line No. ▼	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes) (See instructions)
8	CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES PROVIDE SUPPORT TO ACCOMPLISH
8	CHARITABLE GIVING

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

		Line	Yes	No
1	Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?			
a	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
	(1) Cash.	**1a(1)**		**No**
	(2) Other assets.	**1a(2)**		**No**
b	Other transactions			
	(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.	**1b(1)**		**No**
	(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.	**1b(2)**		**No**
	(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.	**1b(3)**		**No**
	(4) Reimbursement arrangements.	**1b(4)**		**No**
	(5) Loans or loan guarantees.	**1b(5)**		**No**
	(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.	**1b(6)**		**No**
c	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.	**1c**		**No**

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule Column **(b)** should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services received

(a) Line No	**(b)** Amount involved	**(c)** Name of noncharitable exempt organization	**(d)** Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527?. ☐ Yes ☑ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	**(b)** Type of organization	**(c)** Description of relationship

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

******	2016-05-10	******	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Signature of officer or trustee	Date	Title	

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Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed	PTIN
LARRY V WEIGEL		2016-05-12	☑	
Firm's name ▶ FOGG NIMS & CO LLP			Firm's EIN ▶	
Firm's address ▶ 1116 GRAND AVENUE WEST DES MOINES, IA 50265			Phone no (515) 223-1110	

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns a - d

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
144 SH ARTISAN INTL VALUE	P	2013-03-20	2015-04-22
779 SH MAINSTAY FLOATING RATE	P	2013-03-24	2015-04-22
29 SH MAINSTAY FLOATING RATE	P	2014-05-01	2015-04-22
T ROWE PRICE CAPITAL APPRECIATION	P	2012-07-17	2015-12-15
DELAWARE VALUE	P	2010-03-24	2015-12-23
ARTISAN SMALL CAP INVESTOR	P	2010-03-24	2015-11-20
ARTISAN SMALL CAP VALUE	P	2009-02-13	2015-11-20
ARTISAN MID CAP INVESTOR	P	2015-04-22	2015-11-20
ARTISAN INTL VALUE	P	2013-03-20	2015-11-20

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns e - h

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
5,200	0	4,711	489
7,351	0	7,396	-45
269	0	270	-1
705	0	0	705
162	0	0	162
396	0	0	396
713	0	0	713
709	0	0	709
331	0	0	331

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns i - l

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) **or** Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
0	0	0	489
0	0	0	-45
0	0	0	-1
0	0	0	705
0	0	0	162
0	0	0	396
0	0	0	713
0	0	0	709
0	0	0	331

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year*				
TRINITY UNITED METHCHURCH PO BOX 41005 DES MOINES,IA 50311		YES	CHURCH	100
AMANDA THE PANDA 1000 73RD STREET WINDSOR HEIGHTS,IA 50324		YES	FOR CHILDRENGRIEF SUPPORT	100
HOPE MINISTRIES PO BOX 862 DES MOINES,IA 50304		YES	FOR THE INDIGENTFOOD & SHELTER	100
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE 5452 NE 22ND ST DES MOINES,IA 50313		YES	HOMELESS ANIMALSSHELTER FOR	500
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH 1800 BELL AVENUE DES MOINES,IA 50315		YES	CHURCH	582
FRIENDS OF IPTV PO BOX 6400 JOHNSTON,IA 50131		YES	EDUCATION TV	100
IOWA PUBLIC RADIO 1022 COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING AMES,IA 50011		YES	EDUCATION RADIO	100
SALVATION ARMY PO BOX 862 DES MOINES,IA 50304		YES	INDIGENTASSISTANT TOPERSONS	100
DM PASTORAL CENTER 8553 URBANDALE AVE URBANDALE,IA 50322		YES	ORGANIZATIONRELIGIOUS	200
WING HAVEN FOUNDATION 248 RIDGEWOOD CHARLOTTE,NC 28209		YES	WOMEN & CHILDRENSUPPORT FOR	200
DES MOINES BOTANICAL CENTER 909 ROBERT Ray DR DES MOINES,IA 50316		YES	GARDENSPUBLIC PLANT	200
SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE 3094 NORTH WINN RD DECORAH,IA 52101		YES	HEIR LOOM SEEDSSAVING OF	130
LIFE SERVE BLOOD CENTER 431 E LOCUST DES MOINES,IA 50309		YES	ORGANIZATIONBLOOD DONOR	100
I CAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION 941 25TH AVE PMB 335 CORALVILLE,IA 52241		YES	GROWTHEDUCATION	100
BEACON OF LIFE 1717 WOODLAND AVE DES MOINES,IA 50309		YES	CENTER FORTRANSITIONALWOMEN	100
Total . . . . ▶ **3a**				6,712

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Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year*				
PUPPY JAKE FOUNDATION 4020 JOHN HYNDE ROAD DES MOINES,IA 50312		YES	ANIMALSHOME FOR DISABLED	100
BREAD FOR THE WORLD PO BOX 96416 WASHINTON,DC 200906416		YES	HUNGERFIGHTING WORLD	100
FOOD BANK OF IOWA 2220 E 17TH ST DES MOINES,IA 503162114		YES	THROUGH DIVERSESERVE THE CAMPUSCULTURAL PROGRAMING	200
SUSAN G KOMEN PO BOX 96216 WASHINGTON,DC 20090		YES	MORE AWARENESSTO PROMOTE	100
DES MOINES BICYCLE COLLECTIVE 506 E 6TH STREET DES MOINES,IA 50309		YES	BICYCLINGPROMOTE	100
MASCULAR DEGENERATION RESEARCH 22512 GATEWAY CENTER DR CLARKSBURG,MO 208711952		YES	BETTERMENT FOR SENIORSRESEARCH ON	100
DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY 1000 GRAND AVENUE DES MOINES,IA 50309		YES	AND ADVOCATESRAISES FUNDSFOR PBLC LIBRARY	100
BEAVERDALE FALL FESTIVAL PO BOX 3004 DES MOINES,IA 50310		YES	ACTIVITIESENHANCE COMMUNITY	200
IOWA NATIONAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION 505 5TH AVE SUITE 444 DES MOINES,IA 503092321		YES	IOWA'S HERITAGEPROTECT AND RESTORE	200
URBANDALE FOOD PANTRY 7611 DOUGHLASS AVE URBANDALE,IA 50322		YES	PROVIDE FOOD ASSISTANCE	200
GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION 371 E MAIN ST SMITHTOWN,NY 117879897		YES	GUIDE DOGS FORTRAININGTHE BLIND	100
ROLLING DOG FARM PO BOX 150 LANCASTER,NH 03584		YES	DOGSRESCUING DISABLED	200
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY 8364 HICKMAN ROAD DES MOINES,IA 50325		YES	CURE CANCERFIGHT AND	200
DELTA GAMMA FOUNDATION PO BOX 600001 COLUMBUS,OH 432600001		YES	GIFT OF SIGHTPROTECTING THE	100
BLANK PARK ZOO 7401 SW 9TH ST DES MOINES,IA 50315		YES	WILDLIFE CAREEDUCATION AND	100
Total . . . . ▶ **3a**				6,712

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a *Paid during the year*				
FIRST RESPONDERS PO BOX 132 SHELDAHL,IA 50243		YES	PUBLIC SAFETY	100
BOONE COUNTY VETERANS FREEDOM FLIGHT PO BOX 311 BOONE,IA 50036		YES	VETERANSASSISTING WAR	200
METRO ARTS ALLIANCE 5452 NE 22ND ST DES MOINES,IA 503132528		YES	TO CELEBRATE ARTISTSARTABILITYWITH DISABILITIES	200
FRIENDS OF FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY PO BOX 12043 DES MOINES,IA 50312		YES	AT PUBLIC LIBRARYSUPPORT EVENTS	100
ON WITH LIFE 715 SW ANKENY RD ANKENY,IA 50023		YES	REHABILITATIONBRAIN INJURY	100
HOPE MINISTRIES PO BOX 862 DES MOINES,IA 503049803		YES	HOMELESSHELPING THE	100
WESLEYLIFE MEALS ON WHEELS 944 18TH ST DES MOINES,IA 503141152		YES	SENIORSFEEDING	100
HCI CARE SERVICES 2910 WESTOWN PARKWAY STE 200 WEST DES MOINES,IA 50266		YES	HOSPICE CARE	200
SOAR 25494 320TH ST DEDHAM,IA 51440		YES	BIRD REHABILITATION	200
PAWS AND EFFECT PO BOX 41442 DES MOINES,IA 50311		YES	DOGSPLACING SERVICE	100
AVONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2821 PARK ROAD CHARLOTTE,NC 28209		YES	PROGRAMREADING BUDDIES	100
CAT ADOPTION TEAM 14175 SW GOABREATH DR PORTLAND,OR 97140		YES	CATSASSISTING HOMELESS	100
YOUTH HOMES OF MIDAMERICAN PO BOX 39 JOHNSTON,IA 50131		YES	YOUTHASSISTING TROUBLED	100
MAKE A WISH GIFT PROCESSING CENTER PO BOX 97104 WASHINGTON,DC 200907104		YES	CHILDREN WITH LIFE-THREATENINGENRICH LIVES OFMEDICAL CONDITIONS	100
ST MARTINS CHURCH GARENING ANGELS 1510 E 7TH CHARLOTTE,NC 28204		YES	ORGANIZATIONRELIGIOUS	100
Total . . . . ▶ **3a**				6,712

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TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: BENSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

EIN: 20-6077479

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FOGG, NIMS & CO , LLP ACCOUNTING FEES & TAX PREPARATION	740		740	

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TY 2015 Depreciation Schedule

Name: BENSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

EIN: 20-6077479

Description of Property	Date Acquired	Cost or Other Basis	Prior Years' Depreciation	Computation Method	Rate / Life (# of years)	Current Year's Depreciation Expense	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Cost of Goods Sold Not Included
COMPUTER AND PRINTER	2012-04-20	886	631	200DB	5 00	102			

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TY 2015 Gain/Loss from Sale of Other Assets Schedule

Name: BENSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

EIN: 20-6077479

Name	Date Acquired	How Acquired	Date Sold	Purchaser Name	Gross Sales Price	Basis	Basis Method	Sales Expenses	Total (net)	Accumulated Depreciation
MUTUAL FUND - ARTISAN INTL VALUE	2013-03	Purchased	2015-04		5,200	4,711			489	
MUTUAL FUND - MAINSTAY FLOATING RATE		Purchased	2015-04		7,351	7,396			-45	
MUTUAL FUND - MAINSTAY FLOATING RATE		Purchased	2015-04		269	270			-1	
MUTUAL FUND - T ROWE PRICE		Purchased			705				705	
MUTUAL FUND - DELAWARE VALUE		Purchased			162				162	
MUTUAL FUND - ARTISAN SMALL CAP INVESTOR		Purchased			396				396	
MUTUAL FUND - ARTISAN SMALL CAP VALUE		Purchased			713				713	
MUTUAL FUND - ARTISAN MID CAP		Purchased			709				709	
MUTUAL FUND - ARTISAN INTL VALUE		Purchased			331				331	

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

Name: BENSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

EIN: 20-6077479

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
1,200 SH INTEL CORPORATION	31,716	41,340

TY 2015 Investments - Other Schedule

Name: BENSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

EIN: 20-6077479

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
ARTISAN SMALL CAP FUND		2,457	4,302
ARTISAN MID CAP INVESTOR		5,909	5,018
ARTISAN SMALL CAP VALUE FUND		4,297	3,970
ARTISAN INTL VALUE FUND		6,939	6,619
DELAWARE VALUE FUND		6,754	11,969
MAINSTAY HIGH YIELD CORP FUND		16,146	14,440
OPPENHEIMER STRATEGIC FUNDS		22,962	21,021
T ROWE PRICE CAP APPRECIATION		8,459	9,286

TY 2015 Land, Etc. Schedule

Name: BENSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

EIN: 20-6077479

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
COMPUTER	886	733	153	

TY 2015 Legal Fees Schedule

Name: BENSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

EIN: 20-6077479

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
DAVIS LAW FIRM LEGAL ADVICE	250		250	

TY 2015 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: BENSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

EIN: 20-6077479

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVSTMNT ADVISORY FEES	1,880	1,880	1,880	
OFFICE & POSTAGE	209		209	

TY 2015 Taxes Schedule

Name: BENSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

EIN: 20-6077479

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
EXCISE TAX	29	29	29	

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