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Form 990-PF

Return of Private Foundation

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

2015

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

Name of foundation THE BRACKTHORN FOUNDATION
A Employer identification number 36-3668992
B Telephone number (see instructions) (773) 871-1466
C If exemption application is pending, check here
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
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

Table with 5 columns: (a) Revenue and expenses per books, (b) Net investment income, (c) Adjusted net income, (d) Disbursements for charitable purposes. Rows include Contributions, Interest on savings, Dividends, Gross rents, Net gain or loss from sale of assets, Capital gain net income, Other income, Operating and Administrative Expenses, Total expenses and disbursements, and Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements.

<b>Part II Balance Sheets</b> Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	174,815	153,439	153,439
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .			
	<b>3</b> Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	<b>4</b> Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	<b>5</b> Grants receivable . . . . .			
	<b>6</b> Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions). . . . .			
	<b>7</b> Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ 19,000 Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____ 0	19,000	19,000	19,000
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .			
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .			
	<b>10a</b> Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	<b>b</b> Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule) . . . . .	101,738	105,142	100,072
	<b>c</b> Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule) . . . . .			
	<b>11</b> Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	<b>12</b> Investments—mortgage loans. . . . .			
	<b>13</b> Investments—other (attach schedule) . . . . .			
	<b>14</b> Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
<b>15</b> Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	109	109	109	
<b>16 Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	295,662	277,690	272,620	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .		795	
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .			
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .			
	<b>20</b> Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	<b>21</b> Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule). . . . .			
	<b>22</b> Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	<b>23 Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22) . . . . .	0	795	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.</b>			
	<b>24</b> Unrestricted . . . . .			
	<b>25</b> Temporarily restricted . . . . .			
	<b>26</b> Permanently restricted . . . . .			
	<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 31.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	0	0	
	<b>28</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund	0	0	
	<b>29</b> Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	295,662	276,895	
<b>30 Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see instructions) . . . . .	295,662	276,895		
<b>31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see instructions) . . . . .	295,662	277,690		

<b>Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>		
<b>1</b>	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) . . . . .	<b>1</b> 295,662
<b>2</b>	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a . . . . .	<b>2</b> -18,767
<b>3</b>	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	<b>3</b> 0
<b>4</b>	Add lines 1, 2, and 3 . . . . .	<b>4</b> 276,895
<b>5</b>	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	<b>5</b> 0
<b>6</b>	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 . . . . .	<b>6</b> 276,895

**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

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

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

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

<b>2</b>	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 }	<b>2</b>	2,171
<b>3</b>	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		}	<b>3</b>

**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

<b>(a)</b> Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	<b>(b)</b> Adjusted qualifying distributions	<b>(c)</b> Net value of noncharitable-use assets	<b>(d)</b> Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2014	37,387	297,147	0.125820
2013	23,450	327,947	0.071505
2012	30,306	360,936	0.083965
2011	22,850	382,062	0.059807
2010	26,350	361,084	0.072975
<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b> of line 1, column (d).		<b>2</b> 0.414072
<b>3</b>	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		<b>3</b> 0.082814
<b>4</b>	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.		<b>4</b> 257,824
<b>5</b>	Multiply line 4 by line 3.		<b>5</b> 21,351
<b>6</b>	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).		<b>6</b> 10
<b>7</b>	Add lines 5 and 6.		<b>7</b> 21,361
<b>8</b>	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.		<b>8</b> 19,750

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)

Table with 11 rows for excise tax calculations. Includes categories like 'Exempt operating foundations', 'Domestic foundations', and 'Tax based on investment income'. Total amount owed is 20.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

Table with 10 rows for activity statements. Includes questions about political influence, tax on political expenditures, and foundation status. Includes Yes/No columns.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

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).
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)
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address N/A
14 The books are in care of STUART BRAINERD Telephone no (773) 871-1466 Located at 1802 W BERTEAU AV SUITE 205 CHICAGO IL ZIP+4 60613
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
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? 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.

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?
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?
(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)?
(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)
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)? 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?
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? 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)
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?
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.)
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?
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?

**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)?  Yes  No  
 Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.  Yes  No

**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?  Yes  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?  Yes  No

**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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
JEAN W BRAINERD 910 WILLOW ROAD WINNETKA, IL 60091	PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR 1 00	0	0	0
STUART W BRAINERD 1023 W OAKDALE AV CHICAGO, IL 60657	SECRETARY, DIRECTOR 1 00	0	0	0
SCOTT BRAINERD 1941 N MOHAWK STREET CHICAGO, IL 60614	TREASURER, DIRECTOR 1 00	0	0	0

**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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation (d)	Expense account, (e) other allowances
NONE				

**Total** number of other employees paid over \$50,000.  Yes  No 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
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	

**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
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	

**Total.** Add lines 1 through 3. . . . . 0

**Part X Minimum Investment Return**

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

<b>1</b>	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly fair market value of securities. . . . .	<b>1a</b>	100,899
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances. . . . .	<b>1b</b>	160,851
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions). . . . .	<b>1c</b>	0
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c). . . . .	<b>1d</b>	261,750
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation). . . . .	<b>1e</b>	0
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets. . . . .	<b>2</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d. . . . .	<b>3</b>	261,750
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). . . . .	<b>4</b>	3,926
<b>5</b>	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	257,824
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5. . . . .	<b>6</b>	12,891

**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.)

<b>1</b>	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6. . . . .	<b>1</b>	12,891
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5. . . . .	<b>2a</b>	20
<b>b</b>	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI ). . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines 2a and 2b. . . . .	<b>2c</b>	20
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1. . . . .	<b>3</b>	12,871
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions. . . . .	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4. . . . .	<b>5</b>	12,871
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions). . . . .	<b>6</b>	0
<b>7</b>	<b>Distributable amount</b> as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1. . . . .	<b>7</b>	12,871

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b>	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
<b>a</b>	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26. . . . .	<b>1a</b>	19,750
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B. . . . .	<b>1b</b>	0
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes. . . . .	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
<b>a</b>	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required). . . . .	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule). . . . .	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	19,750
<b>5</b>	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). . . . .	<b>5</b>	0
<b>6</b>	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4. . . . .	<b>6</b>	19,750

**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
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				12,871
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2014 only. . . . .			0	
<b>b</b> Total for prior years 20___, 20___, 20___		0		
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
<b>a</b> From 2010. . . . .	8,296			
<b>b</b> From 2011. . . . .	3,786			
<b>c</b> From 2012. . . . .	13,427			
<b>d</b> From 2013. . . . .	7,053			
<b>e</b> From 2014. . . . .	22,556			
<b>f</b> <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e. . . . .	55,118			
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 $\blacktriangleright$ \$ _____ 19,750				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			0	
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions). . . . .		0		
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions). . . . .	0			
<b>d</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount. . . . .				12,871
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	6,879			
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	0			0
<b>6</b> <b>Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:</b>				
<b>a</b> Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	61,997			
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b . . . . .		0		
<b>c</b> 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. . . . .		0		
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions . . . . .		0		
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions . . . . .			0	
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015 . . . . .				0
<b>7</b> 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). . . . .	0			
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . . . .	8,296			
<b>9</b> <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2016.</b> Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a . . . . .	53,701			
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2011. . . . .	3,786			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2012. . . . .	13,427			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2013. . . . .	7,053			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2014. . . . .	22,556			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2015. . . . .	6,879			

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

See Additional Data Table

**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

See Additional Data Table

**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 e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed  
 STUART BRAINERD  
 1802 W BERTEAU SUITE 205  
 CHICAGO, IL 60613  
 (773) 871-1466

**b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include  
 NO RESTRICTIONS AS TO 2B, 2C, AND 2D

**c** Any submission deadlines  
 NONE

**d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors  
 NONE

**Part XV Supplementary Information**(continued)

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

Recipient	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
Name and address (home or business)				
<b>a</b> <i>Paid during the year</i> See Additional Data Table				
<b>Total . . . . .</b>				<b>3a</b> 19,750
<b>b</b> <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
<b>Total . . . . .</b>				<b>3b</b> 0





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

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, <b>(a)</b> 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	<b>(b)</b> How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	<b>(c)</b> Date acquired (mo, day, yr)	<b>(d)</b> Date sold (mo, day, yr)
AQR MANAGED FUTURES I	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
AMERICAN CENTURY GOVERNMENT BOND	P	2014-05-15	2015-01-06
ARTISAN MID CAP VALUE FD	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
BLACKROCK TOTAL RETURN BLACKROCK CL	P	2014-10-14	2015-09-24
BRIDGEWAY FD INC BLUE-CHIP 35 INDEX FD	P	2014-05-15	2015-01-06
BUFFALO FDS MID CAP FD	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
DODGE & COX FUNDS INTL STK FD	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
DODGE & COX FUNDS STOCK FUND	P	2014-05-15	2015-01-06
JANUS SHORT TRM BD T	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
JENSEN QUALITY GROWTH I	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26

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

<b>(e)</b> Gross sales price	<b>(f)</b> Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	<b>(g)</b> Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	<b>(h)</b> Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
442		397	45
1,953		1,922	31
54		59	-5
905		916	-11
201		192	9
133		132	1
141		145	-4
179		174	5
1,926		1,951	-25
424		407	17

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Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			<b>(l)</b> Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
<b>(i)</b> F M V as of 12/31/69	<b>(j)</b> Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	<b>(k)</b> Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
			45
			31
			-5
			-11
			9
			1
			-4
			5
			-25
			17

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List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, (a) 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)
METROPOLITAN WEST TOT RET BD CL I	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
NORTHERN FDS SMALL CAP FD I	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
T ROWE PRICE HIGH YIELD	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
T ROWE PRICE EQUITY INCOME	P	2014-05-15	2015-01-06
T ROWE PRICE BLUE CHIP GROWTH	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
T ROWE PRICE EMERGING MKTS STOCK	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
T ROWE PRICE SHORT TERM BOND	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
THORNBURG INTERNTL VALUE INST	P	2014-05-15	2015-03-26
AQR MANAGED FUTURES I	P	2014-05-15	2015-09-24
AMERICAN CENTURY GOVERNMENT BOND	P	2014-05-15	2015-09-24

**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)
1,917		1,889	28
106		105	1
8		8	0
242		242	0
510		467	43
113		115	-2
1,912		1,928	-16
87		90	-3
237		206	31
284		282	2

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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	
			28
			1
			0
			0
			43
			-2
			-16
			-3
			31
			2

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List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, <b>(a)</b> 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co )	<b>(b)</b> How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	<b>(c)</b> Date acquired (mo , day, yr )	<b>(d)</b> Date sold (mo , day, yr )
BRIDGEWAY FD INC BLUE-CHIP 35 INDEX FD	P	2014-05-15	2015-06-25
DODGE & COX FUNDS INTL STK FD	P	2014-05-15	2015-06-25
DODGE & COX FUNDS STOCK FUND	P	2014-05-15	2015-06-25
JANUS SHORT TRM BD T	P	2014-05-15	2015-09-24
JENSEN QUALITY GROWTH I	P	2014-05-15	2015-09-24
METROPOLITAN WEST TOT RET BD CL I	P	2014-05-15	2015-09-24
NORTHERN FDS SMALL CAP FD I	P	2014-05-15	2015-06-25
PIMCO REAL RETURN FD INSTL CL	P	2014-05-15	2015-09-24
T ROWE PRICE HIGH YIELD	P	2014-05-15	2015-06-25
T ROWE PRICE EQUITY INCOME	P	2014-05-15	2015-06-25

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<b>(e)</b> Gross sales price	<b>(f)</b> Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	<b>(g)</b> Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	<b>(h)</b> Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
1,280		1,165	115
40		40	0
209		193	16
88		89	-1
1,960		1,893	67
1,990		1,988	2
32		29	3
153		164	-11
18		18	0
162		164	-2

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Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			<b>(l)</b> Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
<b>(i)</b> F M V as of 12/31/69	<b>(j)</b> Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	<b>(k)</b> Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
			115
			0
			16
			-1
			67
			2
			3
			-11
			0
			-2

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

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	Date acquired (c) (mo, day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo, day, yr)
T ROWE PRICE BLUE CHIP GROWTH	P	2014-05-15	2015-09-24
T ROWE PRICE EMERGING MKTS STOCK	P	2014-05-15	2015-06-25
T ROWE PRICE SHORT TERM BOND	P	2014-05-15	2015-09-24
TEMPLETON GLOBAL BOND ADVISOR	P	2014-05-15	2015-06-25
THORNBURG INTERNTL VALUE INST	P	2014-05-15	2015-06-25
CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	P		

**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)
133		114	19
96		95	1
97		98	-1
74		76	-2
81		77	4
1,814			1,814

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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	
			19
			1
			-1
			-2
			4
			1,814

**Form 990PF Part XV Line 1a - 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).**

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**Form 990PF Part XV Line 1b - 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.**

STUART W BRAINERD
SCOTT BRAINERD

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

Recipient	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
Name and address (home or business)				
<b>a</b> <i>Paid during the year</i>				
A WP 262 DANNY THOMAS PLACE MEMPHIS, TN 38105	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	500
DESIGNS OF DIGNITY 209 E LIBERTY DRIVE WHEATON, IL 60187	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	1,500
LINCOLN PARK CONSERVANCY 2000 N RACINE AVENUE SUITE 2080 CHICAGO, IL 60614	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	3,333
LINCOLN PARK CONSERVANCY 541 N FAIRBANKS CT CHICAGO, IL 60611	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	5,167
MAYWOOD FINE ARTS 25 NORTH FIFTH AVENUE MAYWOOD, IL 60153	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	1,000
NORTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL 375 EAST CHICAGO AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60611	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	1,000
POETRY SOCIETY OF AMERICA 15 GRAMERCY PARK NEW YORK, NY 10003	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	1,000
TAXPAYERS UNITED OF AMERICA 205 W RANDOLPH STREET SUITE 1305 CHICAGO, IL 60606	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	750
U OF C ASTHMA CENTER 5841 SOUTH MARYLAND AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60637	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	1,000
VANDERCOOK COLLEGE 3140 SOUTH FEDERAL STREET CHICAGO, IL 60616	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	1,000
WOMEN'S HEALTH FOUNDATION 632 W DEMING PLACE CHICAGO, IL 60614	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	CHARITABLE	3,500
<b>Total . . . . .</b>				19,750

## TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule

**Name:** THE BRACKTHORN FOUNDATION

**EIN:** 36-3668992

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
PROFESSIONAL FEES	2,395	2,395		0

## TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

**Name:** THE BRACKTHORN FOUNDATION

**EIN:** 36-3668992

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
INVESTMENTS	105,142	100,072

## TY 2015 Other Assets Schedule

**Name:** THE BRACKTHORN FOUNDATION

**EIN:** 36-3668992

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
RECEIVABLE - TD AMERITRADE	109	109	109

## TY 2015 Other Expenses Schedule

**Name:** THE BRACKTHORN FOUNDATION

**EIN:** 36-3668992

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT FEES	1,026	1,026		0
FEDERAL INCOME TAX	13	0		0
IL CHARITY BUREAU	15	0		0
BANK CHARGES	32	32		0

# TY 2015 Taxes Schedule

**Name:** THE BRACKTHORN FOUNDATION

**EIN:** 36-3668992

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FOREIGN TAXES	20	20		0