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Form **990-PF**

Return of Private Foundation

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

OMB No 1545-0052

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Internal Revenue Service

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For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation R Edwin and WS Brown Foundation		A Employer identification number 52-1977291
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) PO Box 449	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) 301-349-2850
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Barnesville MD 20838-0449		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 ☐
H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) \$ 1,301,084	J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify)	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))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	40,000			
2	Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	20	20	20	
4	Dividends and interest from securities	18,430	18,430	18,430	
5a	Gross rents				
b	Net rental income or (loss)				
6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	30,372			
b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	30,372			
7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		30,372		
8	Net short-term capital gain			0	
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) Stmt 1	21,249		21,249	
12	Total. Add lines 1 through 11	110,071	48,822	39,699	
13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0			
14	Other employee salaries and wages				
15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a	Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b	Accounting fees (attach schedule) Stmt 2	1,800	1,800		1,800
c	Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
17	Interest				
18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) Stmt 3	1,299	1,299		1,299
19	Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
20	Occupancy				
21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22	Printing and publications				
23	Other expenses (att sch) Stmt 4	150	150		150
24	Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	3,249	3,249	0	3,249
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	45,400			45,400
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	48,649	3,249	0	48,649
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	61,422			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		45,573		
c	Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			39,699	

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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	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash – non-interest-bearing	14,029	37,544	37,544
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	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 (att schedule) ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	0		
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	871	1,322	1,322
	10a Investments – U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments – corporate stock (attach schedule) See Stmt 5	894,519	924,392	824,792
	c Investments – corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments – land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch) ▶			
	12 Investments – mortgage loans			
	13 Investments – other (attach schedule) See Statement 6	429,622	436,867	436,867
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch) ▶ Stmt 7			
	15 Other assets (describe ▶ See Statement 8)	221	559	559
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	1,339,262	1,400,684	1,301,084
Liabilities	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	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	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	1,339,262	1,400,684	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	1,339,262	1,400,684	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	1,339,262	1,400,684	

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	1,339,262
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	61,422
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,400,684
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	1,400,684

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	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney			
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 30,372			30,372
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

(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	(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0- or Losses (from col (h))
a			30,372
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	30,372
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	

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 the 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	54,546	1,167,828	0.046707
2013	48,640	1,067,871	0.045549
2012	55,965	978,315	0.057206
2011	52,330	941,466	0.055584
2010	48,176	927,798	0.051925

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.256971
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	0.051394
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5	4	1,234,842
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	63,463
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	456
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	63,919
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 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.	8	48,649

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 – see 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	911
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	911
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	0
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	911
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	1,200
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	1,200
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	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	289
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2016 estimated tax 289 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?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)? 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		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
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? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities		X
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		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		X
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?	X	
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	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) DC		
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	X	
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		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

	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	X
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	X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶ N/A	13	X

14 The books are in care of ▶ **Herb Brown**
19810 Peachtree Road

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Located at ▶ **Dickerson**

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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**

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 the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. 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.

	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)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here	N/A	1b
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?	N/A	1c
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	☐ Yes ☒ No	
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.)	N/A	2b
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.)	N/A	3b
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		X
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?		X

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)? **N/A** ☐ **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? **N/A** ☐ 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** ☒

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? **N/A** **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 ▶**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 N/A	
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 N/A	
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	815,296
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	10,124
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	428,227
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	1,253,647
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	1,253,647
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	18,805
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1,234,842
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	61,742

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	61,742
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2a	911
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	911
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	60,831
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	60,831
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	60,831

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	48,649
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	48,649
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	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	48,649

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				60,831
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010				
b From 2011				3,220
c From 2012				7,572
d From 2013				
e From 2014				
f Total of lines 3a through e		10,792		
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 48,649				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a				
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				48,649
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	10,792			10,792
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
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 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2016				1,390
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				
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				

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 foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)					
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
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 foundation 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 e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed	N/A
b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include	N/A
c Any submission deadlines	N/A
d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors	N/A

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)				
a Paid during the year See Statement 9				45,400
Total			▶ 3a	45,400
b Approved for future payment N/A				
Total			▶ 3b	

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

- 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
- (2) Other assets
- b** Other transactions
- (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization
- (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization
- (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets
- (4) Reimbursement arrangements
- (5) Loans or loan guarantees
- (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations
- c** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees
- 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.

	Yes	No
1a(1)		X
1a(2)		X
1b(1)		X
1b(2)		X
1b(3)		X
1b(4)		X
1b(5)		X
1b(6)		X
1c		X

[illegible]

- 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
N/A		

**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.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature of officer or trustee

Date _____

Title

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name.

Preparer's signature

Date _____

Check ☒ if self-employed

Charles R Player, Jr.

Firm's name ►

Charles R Player, Jr. CPA

PTIN

P01233780

Firm's address ►

17520 Whites Store Rd
Boyds, MD 20841

Phone no.

301-428-8034

Form **990-PF** (2015)

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

R Edwin and WS Brown Foundation

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Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

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☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

Name of organization

R Edwin and WS Brown Foundation

Employer identification number

52-1977291**Part I Contributors** (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	R Edwin and Winsome Brown PO Box 449 Barnesville MD 20838	\$ 40,000	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)

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Description	Revenue per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
Cessna LLC	\$ 20,690	\$	\$ 20,690
Misc	559		559
Total	\$ 21,249	\$ 0	\$ 21,249

Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b - Accounting Fees

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Tax preparation	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$	\$ 1,800
Total	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 0	\$ 1,800

Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 18 - Taxes

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Section 4940 Excise Tax	\$ 749	\$ 749	\$	\$ 749
State Filing Fee	550	550		550
Total	\$ 1,299	\$ 1,299	\$ 0	\$ 1,299

Statement 4 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23 - Other Expenses

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Expenses	\$	\$	\$	
Fees	150	150		150
Total	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 0	\$ 150

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Statement 5 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10b - Corporate Stock Investments

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Basis of Valuation	Fair Market Value
Morgan Stanley Securities	\$ 894,519	\$ 924,392	Market	\$ 824,792
Total	\$ 894,519	\$ 924,392		\$ 824,792

Statement 6 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 13 - Other Investments

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Basis of Valuation	Fair Market Value
Partnership with Rental Property	\$ 429,622	\$ 436,867	Cost	\$ 436,867
Total	\$ 429,622	\$ 436,867		\$ 436,867

Statement 7 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 14 - Land, Building, and Equipment

Description	Beginning Net Book	End Cost / Basis	End Accumulated Depreciation	Net FMV
Computer	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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Statement 8 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 15 - Other Assets

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Fair Market Value
Dividends in Transit	\$ 221	\$ 559	\$ 559
Total	\$ 221	\$ 559	\$ 559

Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 1a - Managers Who Contributed Over 2% or \$5,000

Name of Manager	Amount
none	\$
Total	\$ 0

Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 1b - Managers Who Own 10% or More Stock

Name of Manager	Amount
none	\$
Total	\$ 0

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Statement 9 - Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 3a - Grants and Contributions Paid During theYear

Name	Address	Relationship	Status	Purpose	Amount
Montgomery Countryside Alliance Poolesville MD 20837	PO Box 24			General	3,000
Randolph Macon Academy Front Royal VA 22630	200 Academy Drive			Scholarship	2,000
Saint Peters Church Poolesville MD 20837	20100 Fisher Avenue			General	30,000
Barnesville School Barnesville MD 20838	PO Box 404			Scholarship	5,000
WUMCO Dickerson MD 20842	211140 Beallsville RD			General	1,000
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Alexandria VA 22304	3601 Eisenhower Ave, #450			General	100
National Assoc of Scholars New York NY 10018	8 W 38th St., Suite 503			Academic Standards	100
Buckingham's Choice Res Assoc Adamstown MD 21710	3200 Baker Circle			General	200
Heritage Foundation Washington DC 20002	214 Mass Ave, NW			General	700
Foundation for Economic Educ Atlanta GA 30309	1819 Peachtree Rd, NE			Educational	100
Upper Montgomery County Fire Dept Beallsville MD 20839	19801 Beallsville Road			General	100
The Maryland History Publ Baltimore MD 21201	201 West Monument St			Educational	150
Montgomery County Historical Soc Germantown MD 20876	12535 Milestone Manor Ln			Educational	500
Potomac Conservancy Silver Spring MD 20910	8601 Georgia Ave, #612			General	250
The Gathering Place Westlake OH 44145	800 Sharon Drive			General	1,000
Doctors Without Borders New York NY 10001	333 7th Avenue			General	200
Monocacy Lions Boyd's MD 20841	21925 Peachtree Road			General	1,000

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Statement 9 - Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 3a - Grants and Contributions Paid During the
Year (continued)

Name	Address	Relationship	Status	Purpose	Amount
Total					45,400

Form **990PF****Two Year Comparison Report****2014 & 2015**

For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning , ending

Name

R Edwin and WS Brown FoundationTaxpayer Identification Number
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	2014		2015		Differences	
	Revenue and expenses per books	Net investment income	Revenue and expenses per books	Net investment income	Revenue and expenses per books	Net investment income
1. Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	30,000		40,000		10,000	
2. Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	19	19	20	20	1	1
3. Dividends and interest from securities	21,848	21,848	18,430	18,430	-3,418	-3,418
4. Gross rents						
5. Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets	33,388		30,372		-3,016	
6. Capital gain net income		33,388		30,372		-3,016
7. Gross profit or (loss)						
8. Other income	20,638		21,249		611	
9. Total. Add lines 1 through 8	105,893	55,255	110,071	48,822	4,178	-6,433
10. Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc						
11. Other employee salaries and wages						
12. Pension plans, employee benefits						
13. Professional fees	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800		
14. Interest						
15. Taxes	1,174	445	1,299	1,299	125	854
16. Depreciation and depletion						
17. Occupancy						
18. Other expenses	201	201	150	150	-51	-51
19. Contributions, gifts, grants paid	52,100		45,400		-6,700	
20. Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 10 through 19	55,275	2,446	48,649	3,249	-6,626	803
21. Net income (if negative investment activity, enter -0-)	50,618	52,809	61,422	45,573	10,804	-7,236
22. Excise Tax		1,056		911		-145
23. Section 511 Tax						
24. Subtitle A income tax						
25. Total Taxes		1,056		911		-145
26. Estimates and overpayments credited				1,200		329
27. Foreign tax withheld		871				
28. Other Payments						
29. Total payments and credits		871		1,200		329
30. Balance due / (Overpayment)		185		-289		-474
31. Overpayment credited to next year				289		289
32. Penalty		#67890987654				#67890987654
33. Net due / (Refund)		#67890987469		0		#67890987469
34. Total assets	1,339,262		1,400,684		0	0
35. Total liabilities	0		0		0	0
36. Net assets	1,339,262		1,400,684		0	0

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Taxable Interest on Investments

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business Code</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>	<u>US Obs (\$ or %)</u>
Cessna LLC K-1	\$ 20				
Total	\$ 20				

Taxable Dividends from Securities

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business Code</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>	<u>US Obs (\$ or %)</u>
Cessna LLC k-1	\$ 3,275				
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	15,155				
Total	\$ 18,430				