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Form **990-PF****Return of Private Foundation**
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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Internal Revenue Service

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For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning 08/01/15, and ending 07/31/16

Name of foundation CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 62-1577717
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 305 HARTMANN DRIVE	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) 615-444-5533
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code LEBANAON TN 37087		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ► \$ 4,673,899	J Accounting method <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

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)				
2	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	17,920	17,920	17,920	
4	Dividends and interest from securities	102,968	102,968	102,968	
5a	Gross rents				
b	Net rental income or (loss)				
6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	41,174			
b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 3,158,600				
7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		41,174		
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)				
12	Total. Add lines 1 through 11	162,062	162,062	120,888	
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)				
c	Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
17	Interest				
18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	5,800	5,800	5,800	
19	Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
20	Occupancy				
21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22	Printing and publications				
23	Other expenses (att sch) STMT 2	19,268	86	86	19,182
24	Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	25,068	5,886	5,886	19,182
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	265,500			265,500
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	290,568	5,886	5,886	284,682
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12.				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-128,506			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		156,176		
c	Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			115,002	

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Operating and Administrative Expenses

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						
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				239,502	142,190	142,190
	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						
	10a	Investments – U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule) STMT 3				994,187	1,012,790	1,012,790
	b	Investments – corporate stock (attach schedule) SEE STMT 4				3,325,689	3,146,973	3,146,973
	c	Investments – corporate bonds (attach schedule) SEE STMT 5				364,070	371,946	371,946
Liabilities	11	Investments – land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶						
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach sch.) ▶						
	12	Investments – mortgage loans						
	13	Investments – other (attach schedule)						
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶						
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach sch.) ▶						
	15	Other assets (describe ▶)						
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)				4,923,448	4,673,899	4,673,899
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses						
	18	Grants payable						
Net Assets or Fund Balances	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	
		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
	24	Unrestricted						
	25	Temporarily restricted						
	26	Permanently restricted						
		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
	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				4,923,448	4,673,899	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)				4,923,448	4,673,899	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)				4,923,448	4,673,899	

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	4,923,448
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-128,506
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ SEE STATEMENT 6	3	-121,043
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	4,673,899
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	4,673,899

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 SHORT TERM		P	01/01/16	06/30/16
b LONG TERM		P	01/01/13	06/30/16
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 1,579,300		1,617,786	-38,486
b 1,579,300		1,499,640	79,660
c			
d			
e			

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

(i) FMV 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			-38,486
b			79,660
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 </div>	2	41,174
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 </div>	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	279,924	5,105,335	0.054830
2013	278,491	4,867,505	0.057214
2012	268,659	4,513,055	0.059529
2011	425,109	4,482,645	0.094834
2010	413,899	4,706,400	0.087944

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.354351
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	0.070870
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5	4	4,734,186
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	335,512
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	1,562
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	337,074
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	284,682

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 instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter: (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		1	3,124
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b			
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	3,124
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	3,124
6 Credits/Payments			
a 2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	6,004	
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	6,004	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	2,880	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2016 estimated tax 2,880 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) TN		
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

N/A

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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	Yes	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		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► WWW.CRACKERBARREL.COM/GIVING	13	X	

14 The books are in care of ► **SLOANE LUCAS** Telephone no ► **615-444-5533**
305 HARTMANN DRIVE
 Located at ► **LEBANON** TN ZIP+4 ► **37087**

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 ►

16	Yes	No
		X

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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	
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?		X
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	
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		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	
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

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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))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		6b		X
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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
SEE STATEMENT 7				

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 DIRECT CHARITABLE GIVING - 15 SEPARATE FOUNDATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS RECEIVED FUNDS. OPERATION HOMEFRONT RECEIVED \$100,000, WHICH IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF MILITARY FAMILIES.	163,000
2 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - 41 RECIPIENTS RECEIVED \$2,500 EACH.	102,500
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	4,562,030
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	244,250
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	4,806,280
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	4,806,280
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	72,094
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	4,734,186
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	236,709

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	236,709
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2a	3,124
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	3,124
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	233,585
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	233,585
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	233,585

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	284,682
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	284,682
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	284,682

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				233,585
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	183,660			
b From 2011	203,744			
c From 2012	46,896			
d From 2013	40,827			
e From 2014	30,453			
f Total of lines 3a through e	505,580			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 284,682				
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				233,585
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	51,097			
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:	556,677			
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				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)	183,660			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	373,017			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011	203,744			
b Excess from 2012	46,896			
c Excess from 2013	40,827			
d Excess from 2014	30,453			
e Excess from 2015	51,097			

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)

	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 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))
N/A

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
N/A

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
SEE ATTACHED

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

c Any submission deadlines:
SEE ATTACHED

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

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

<div>Recipient</div> <div>Name and address (home or business)</div>	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 ATTACHED SCHEDULE SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE				<div>102,500</div> <div>.</div> <div>163,000</div>
Total			▶ 3a	265,500
b Approved for future payment N/A				
Total			▶ 3b	

Part XVI-A · Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

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	17,920	
4	Dividends and interest from securities			14	102,968	
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					41,174
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)		0		120,888	41,174
13	Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)				13	162,062

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

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

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- 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		

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

**Sign
Here**

Signature of officer or trustee

Date _____

Title

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date _____

Check ☐ if self-employed

JARED T. HUBBARD, CPA

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Firm's name ▶ **RODEFER MOSS & CO, PLLC**

PTIN P01264441

Firm's address ▶ 608 MABRY HOOD RD STE 300
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932-2615

Firm's EIN ▶ **62-1690032**

Phone no **865-583-0091**

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Statement 1 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 18 - Taxes

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
TAXES	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,800	\$
TOTAL	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,800	\$ 0

Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23 - Other Expenses

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
EXPENSES				
SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE EX	15,882			15,882
TAX PREP FEES	3,300			3,300
BANK FEES	86	86	86	
TOTAL	\$ 19,268	\$ 86	\$ 86	\$ 19,182

Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10a - US and State Government Investments

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Basis of Valuation	Fair Market Value
DETAIL AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST	\$ 994,187	\$ 1,012,790	MARKET	\$ 1,012,790
TOTAL	\$ 994,187	\$ 1,012,790		\$ 1,012,790

Statement 4 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10b - Corporate Stock Investments

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Basis of Valuation	Fair Market Value
DETAIL AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST	\$ 3,325,689	\$ 3,146,973	MARKET	\$ 3,146,973
TOTAL	\$ 3,325,689	\$ 3,146,973		\$ 3,146,973

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Statement 5 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10c - Corporate Bond Investments

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>	<u>Basis of Valuation</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>
DETAIL AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST	\$ 364,070	\$ 371,946	MARKET	\$ 371,946
TOTAL	\$ 364,070	\$ 371,946		\$ 371,946

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<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
UNREALIZED NET GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	\$ <u>-121,043</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u><u>-121,043</u></u>

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Statement 7 - Form 990-PF, Part VIII, Line 1 - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Etc.

Name and Address	Title	Average Hours	Compensation	Benefits	Expenses
JIMMIE ALVIS 305 HARTMANN DRIVE LEBANON TN 37087	DIRECTOR	2.00	0	0	0
DOUG COUVILLION 305 HARTMANN DRIVE LEBANON TN 37807	DIRECTOR	2.00	0	0	0
TERRY DEAS 305 HARTMANN DRIVE LEBANON TN 37807	PRESIDENT	2.00	0	0	0
PRESTON FUNKHOUSER 305 HARTMANN DRIVE LEBANON TN 37807	DIRECTOR	2.00	0	0	0
MIKE MOTT 305 HARTMANN DRIVE LEBANON TN 37807	DIRECTOR	2.00	0	0	0
JESSICA MANNING-GARNER 305 HARTMANN DRIVE LEBANON TN 37807	SECRETARY	2.00	0	0	0
JEFFREY WILSON 305 HARTMANN DRIVE LEBANON TN 37807	TREASURER	2.00	0	0	0
ELIZABETH WILSON 305 HARTMANN DRIVE LEBANON TN 37807	ASST. SECRET	2.00	0	0	0
SLOANE LUCAS 305 HARTMANN DRIVE LEBANON TN 37807	EXECUTIVE DI	2.00	0	0	0

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Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2b - Application Format and Required Contents

Description

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Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2c - Submission Deadlines

Description

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Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2d - Award Restrictions or Limitations

Description

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Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Foundation
Direct Charitable Giving
July 31, 2015
EIN # 62-1577717
Part IX-A, Line 1
Part XV Line 3A

Organization	Status	Purpose	City	State	Amount
Operation Homefront	Public Charity	Military Families	San Antonio	TX	100,000.00
Battle Creek Community Foundation	Public Charity	Emergency Relief	Battle Creek	MI	10,000.00
Alive Hospice (Grief Support)	Public Charity	Military Families	Nashville	TN	5,000.00
Canine Companions for Independence	Public Charity	Military Families	Santa Rose	CA	5,000.00
Fisher House Foundation	Public Charity	Military Families	Rockville	MD	5,000.00
Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee	Public Charity	Community Support	Nashville	TN	5,000.00
Special Operations Warrior Foundation	Public Charity	Military Families	Tampa	FL	5,000.00
The Legion Fund Advisory Board	Public Charity	Military Families	Nashville	TN	5,000.00
United Through Reading	Public Charity	Military Families	San Diego	CA	5,000.00
USO's 360 Transition Alliance	Public Charity	Military Families	Arlington	VA	5,000.00
Matching Grants for CBOCS Board	Public Charity	Various	Various	Various	3,000.00
Avenida Guadalupe Association	Public Charity	Community Support	San Antonio	TX	2,500.00
Boy Scouts of America, Middle Tennessee Council	Public Charity	Community Support	Nashville	TN	2,500.00
Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee	Public Charity	Community Support	Nashville	TN	2,500.00
Wilson County CASA	Public Charity	Community Support	Lebanon	TN	2,500.00
Total					<u>163,000.00</u>

Scholarship Program - Part IX-A and Part XV

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Foundation - Employee Scholarship Program for 2016-2017 Academic Year

41 recipients received \$2500 each for a total of \$102,500

Recipient First Name	Recipient Last Name	Recipient City	Recipient State	Recipient Zip Code	Institution Name	Institution State
Mae	Allen	Mount Juliet	TN	37122	The University of Tennessee	TN
Samantha	Ark	South Vienna	OH	45369	University of Toledo	OH
Allyssa	Barnes	McClure	IL	62957	Southern Illinois University Carbondale	IL
Liliana	Bellini	Asbury	NJ	08802	The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey	NJ
Lauren	Bishop	Bardstown	KY	40004	Bluegrass Community and Technical College	KY
Tiffany	Blackmon	Holly Pond	AL	35083	George C Wallace State Community College-Hancevill	AL
Jay'Len	Boone	Katy	TX	77449	The University of Texas at San Antonio	TX
Ellyn	Case	Phoenix	AZ	85051	Grand Canyon University	AZ
Maria	Castillo	Greenville	TX	75401	The University of Texas at Arlington	TX
Kylie	Chase	Mobile	AL	36695	George C Wallace State Community College-Hancevill	AL
Claudia	Echard	Byesville	OH	43723	Ohio State University-Main Campus	OH
Sherbet	Edens	Lufkin	TX	75904	Stephen F Austin State University	TX
Jeremy	Ellison	Woodbridge	VA	22193	Northern Virginia Community College	VA
BreAnna	Ezinga	Springville	UT	84663	Utah Valley University	UT
Cheyenna	Espinoza	Palm Coast	FL	32137	University of Florida	FL
Emily	Fisher	Summerville	SC	29485	University of South Carolina-Columbia	SC
Sara	Franks	Somerville	AL	35670	University of Alabama at Birmingham	AL
Brianna	Garvin	Lebanon	TN	37087	Lee University	TN
Whitney	Gribble	Chatsworth	GA	30705	Berry College	GA
Haleigh	Grindstaff	Mount Holly	NC	28120	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	NC
Heather	Hart	Dyersburg	TN	38024	DeVry University-Virginia	VA
Shelby	Holzer	Dallas	TX	75228	El Centro College	TX
Chloe	Hull	Moore	OK	73160	East Central University	OK
Kelsey	Hunt	Lebanon	TN	37087	Middle Tennessee State University	TN
Skyler	Imhoff	Marion	IL	62959	Northern Illinois University	IL
Emily	Kellogg	Glendale	AZ	85310	Arizona State University	AZ
Aaron	Kintzler	Lebanon	TN	37087	The University of Tennessee	TN
Makayla	LoChiatto	Cumberland	OH	43732	Bowling Green State University-Main Campus	OH
Hannah	Meise	Douglasville	GA	30134	University of Georgia	GA
Rachel	Moseley	Pensacola	FL	32534	University of Florida	FL
Ashley	Mullet	Hilliard	OH	43026	Ohio State University-Main Campus	OH
Tyler	Oakley	Lebanon	TN	37087	Tennessee Technological University	TN
Emily	Ofensend	Glenmoore	PA	19343	West Chester University of Pennsylvania	PA
Thomas	Peterson	winter garden	FL	34787	Valencia Community College	FL
Erica	Roberts	Greenville	AL	36037	Auburn University Main Campus	AL
Alicia	sherlock	Bridgeport	NY	13030	College of St. Rose	NY
Barbara	Ste. Croix	Chester	NH	03036	University of New Hampshire at Manchester	NH
Heather	Sublett	Harrodsburg	KY	40330	University of Kentucky	KY
Erick	Tavarez	Orlando	FL	32828	University of Central Florida	FL
Tanya	Thomas	Creedmoor	NC	27522	North Carolina Central University	NC
Annie	Walters	Elkin	NC	28621	Appalachian State University	NC

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Part XV, Lines 2a,b,c and d

Part XV, Line 2a

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Foundation
P.O. Box 787
Lebanon, TN 37088-0787
Phone: (615) 444-5533
Fax: (615) 443-9194
Email: foundation@crackerbarrel.com

Part XV, Line 2b

Applications do not need to be of any standard form, although the following information/documentation would be required and/or considered:

- Name, address and description of organization
- Contact name, title, phone number
- Mission statement
- Geographic area served by non-profit
- Dollar amount of request
- What percentage of program/total budget is the request?
- History of previous support from Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Foundation
- Objectives of organization and specific project for which funding is required
- Plan for evaluating results of project
- Past accomplishments of the organization
- IRS letter of determination of section 501(c)(3) tax exemption status
- Latest income and expense statement and/or audited financial statements
- Annual program budget for specific need
- Other sources of income and amount contributed by each
- Other organizations approached for funding
- Names and affiliations of those serving on the board of directors
- Names and qualifications of employees, as well as numbers of volunteers
- A few current relevant articles or reviews about the organization, if available

Part XV, Line 2c

There are no specific deadlines for submissions. Applications are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. While the Foundation does not have a dedicated website, it is featured in a special section of the CrackerBarrel.com website, including information about the Foundation and how to apply for grants.

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Part XV, Line 2d

The Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Foundation supports charities across multiple areas, including Education, Human Services, and Cultural & Environmental Affairs.

Some examples include:

- In the area of Education, the Foundation supports an annual Employee Scholarship Program, which recognizes and rewards the accomplishments of Cracker Barrel employees and their children who excel in their studies and serve their communities.
 - The primary focus of this program is to provide employees and dependent children of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. with an opportunity to obtain financial aid to encourage their pursuit of higher education.
 - The program itself is a competitive scholarship program through which Cracker Barrel employees and/or their dependent children submit applications for a \$2,500 scholarship. Employees must have been employed at least one year as of January 1 of the year in which the scholarships are awarded, and have worked an average of 20 hours per week during that period. (A sample application is attached.)
- The Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Foundation also allocates significant funding to help military families. To this end, the Foundation has supported military-focused nonprofits and charitable initiatives, including Operation Homefront, the USO, and United Through Reading, among others.