

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MCCARTEN WILLIAM W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>305 HARTMANN DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>LEBANON TN 37087</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC [CBRL]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/15/2012</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/15/2012		A		1,454 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	3,182	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents an annual equity award made to directors pursuant to the Company's 2010 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan. Shares will cliff vest on November 15, 2013.

Remarks:

William W. McCarten by
Michael J. Zylstra, Attorney- 11/19/2012
in-fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, William W. McCarten, hereby appoints Lawrence E. Hyatt, Michael J. Zylstra and Noel Tippett, or either of them, to be the undersigned's true and lawful attorney, for him, and in his name, place and stead to execute, acknowledge, deliver and file, by mail, delivery service or electronically, Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including amendments to those forms) with respect to securities of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (the "Company") required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, national securities exchanges and the Company pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations under that Act, granting to Lawrence E. Hyatt, Michael J. Zylstra or Noel Tippett full power and authority to perform all acts necessary to the completion of those purposes.

The undersigned agrees that the attorney-in-fact, Lawrence E. Hyatt, Michael J. Zylstra or Noel Tippett, may rely entirely on information furnished orally or in writing by the undersigned to any specified attorney-in-fact. The undersigned also agrees to indemnify and hold the Company and the attorney-in-fact harmless against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions or proceedings in these respects) that arise out of or are based upon any untrue statements or omission of necessary facts in the information provided by the undersigned to the attorney-in-fact for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating, defending against or resolving any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action.

The validity of this Power of Attorney shall not be affected in any manner by reason of the execution, at any time, of other powers of attorney by the undersigned in favor of persons other than those named in this document.

The undersigned agrees and represents to those dealing with my attorney-in-fact, Lawrence E. Hyatt, Michael J. Zylstra or Noel Tippett, that this Power of Attorney is for indefinite duration and may be voluntarily revoked by me only by written notice to the specified attorney-in-fact, delivered by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested.

WITNESS THE EXECUTION OF THIS POWER on March 5, 2012.

William M. McCarten