

ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

122 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
 02/10/2006

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NEW YORK, NY 10168

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
General American Investors Inc Common Stock	12/22/2005		J(1)	85 A	\$ 34.81 1,704	D	
General						I	Trust beneficiary (4)

American Investors Inc Common Stock										
General American Investors Inc Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	58,586	I	Trustee ⁽²⁾	
General American Investors Inc Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	74,550	I	Trustee/beneficiary ⁽³⁾	
General American Investors Inc Common Stock	Â	Â	3	Â	Â	Â	Â	I	Foundation director ⁽⁵⁾	
General American Investors Inc 5.95% Series B Pfd Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	4,000	I	Trustee ⁽²⁾	
General American Investors Inc 5.95% Series B Pfd Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	71,400	I	Trustee/beneficiary ⁽³⁾	

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

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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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se B O
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(A) or
Disposed
of (D)
(Instr. 3,
4, and 5)

(A)	(D)	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount
		Exercisable	Date		or
					Number
					of
					Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR 122 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500 NEW YORK, NY 10168	â	X	â	â

Signatures

Arthur G.
Altschul, Jr. 02/13/2006

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

- (1) Shares received as dividend
- (2) Director is a trustee of various trusts
- (3) Director is a trustee and beneficiary of various trusts
- (4) Director is the beneficiary of a trust
- (5) Director is a director of the Overbrook Foundation, a private charitable organization.

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