

ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR

Form 5

February 10, 2006

FORM 5**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
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1(b).

Form 3 Holdings

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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,
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response... 1.01. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

122 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE
2500

(Street)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
SymbolGENERAL AMERICAN
INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]3. Statement of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/20055. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NEW YORK CITY, NY 10168

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Person

(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	Â	J ⁽¹⁾	85 A \$ 34.81	1,704	D	Â
General	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	53,850	I	Trust beneficiary ⁽⁴⁾

American
Investors
Inc
Common
Stock

General
American
Investors
Inc
Common
Stock

Â Â Â Â Â 58,586 I Trustee ⁽²⁾

General
American
Investors
Inc
Common
Stock

Â Â Â Â Â 74,550 I Trustee/beneficiary ⁽³⁾

General
American
Investors
Inc 5.95%
Series B
Pfd Stock

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 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	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 of D S B O E I F (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount 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 CITY, NY 10168	X			

Signatures

Arthur G.
Altschul, Jr. 02/10/2006

__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 dividends
- (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

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