

GOLDEN WILLIAM T  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
GOLDEN WILLIAM T

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)  X  Other (specify below)  
Director Emeritus

500 FIFTH AVENUE, 50TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NEW YORK, NY 10110

X  Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form Filed by More than One Reporting 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)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/06/2005	Â	P	20	A	\$ 30.49	44,287	D	Â
Common Stock	01/06/2005	Â	G <sup>(1)</sup>	20	D	\$ 30.94	44,267	D	Â
Common Stock	03/10/2005	Â	J <sup>(2)</sup>	392	A	\$ 30.94	44,659	D	Â
Common	03/22/2005	Â	P	10	A	\$	44,669	D	Â

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Stock							31.05		
Common Stock	03/22/2005	Â	G <sup>(1)</sup>	10	D	\$ 31.05	44,659	D	Â
Common Stock	05/13/2005	Â	P	10	A	\$ 29.8	44,669	D	Â
Common Stock	05/13/2005	Â	G <sup>(1)</sup>	10	D	\$ 29.8	44,659	D	Â
Common Stock	11/30/2005	Â	P	10	A	\$ 34.78	44,669	D	Â
Common Stock	11/30/2005	Â	G <sup>(1)</sup>	10	D	\$ 34.78	44,659	D	Â
Common Stock	12/22/2005	Â	J <sup>(2)</sup>	2,370	A	\$ 34.81	47,029	D	Â

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 D Se B O E Is F (I
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						(A)	(D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDEN WILLIAM T 500 FIFTH AVENUE 50TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10110	Â	Â	Â	Director Emeritus

## Signatures

/s/William T.  
Golden

01/09/2006

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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) Gift

(2) Shares received in payment of dividends.

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