

ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)
122 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2005

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

NEW YORK, NY 10168

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount or Price | | | |
| General American Investors Company, Inc. 5.95% Preferred B | 12/19/2005 | | S | 8,600 | D | \$ 24 0 | I ⁽¹⁾ | Director is General Partner |
| General American Investors Company, Inc. 5.95% | | | | | | 4,000 | I | Trust ⁽²⁾ |

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| Preferred B General American Investors Company, Inc. 5.95% Preferred B | 71,400 | I | Trusts ⁽³⁾ |
| General American Investors Company, Inc. Common Stock | 1,619 | D | |
| General American Investors Company, Inc. Common Stock | 55,634 | I | Trusts ⁽²⁾ |
| General American Investors Company, Inc. Common Stock | 17,066 | I | Trusts ⁽⁴⁾ |
| General American Investors Company, Inc. Common Stock | 121,929 | I | Trusts ⁽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)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security | 9. Number of Deriv Secur |
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