

TRUST FBO VON REIS ALTSCHUL SERENA UW ALTSCHUL HELEN G
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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 *
 TRUST FBO VON REIS
 ALTSCHUL SERENA UW
 ALTSCHUL HELEN G
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2004

C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, 122 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

NEW YORK, NY 10168-2500
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
General American Investors, Inc. Common Stock	12/23/2004		J ⁽¹⁾	357 A	\$ 31.015 12,703	D	

General
American
Investors
Inc. 5.95%
Cum Pfd
Series B
Stock

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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 Fi (I
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TRUST FBO VON REIS ALTSCHUL SERENA UW ALTSCHUL
HELEN G
C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
122 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500
NEW YORK, NY 10168-2500

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Director is a trustee

Signatures

Arthur G. Altschul, Jr., 01/10/2005
Trustee

**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) Shares received as dividends

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