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GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC
Form 13F-HR
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: September 30, 2004

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: General American Investors Company, Inc.
Address: 450 Lexington Avenue, Suite 3300
New York, NY 10017

13F File Number: 28-461

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report:

Name: Eugene L. DeStaebler, Jr.
Title: Vice-President, Administration
Phone: 212-916-8400

Signature, Place and Date of Signing:

Eugene L. DeStaebler, Jr. New York, NY October 26, 2004

Report Type (Check only one.):

13F HOLDINGS REPORT
 13F NOTICE
 13F COMBINATION REPORT

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

NONE

I am signing this report as required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0
Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 58
Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$1,049,614,286

NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP NUMBER	FAIR MARKET VALUE	SHARES OR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	SH/ PRN	INVEST. DISC. SHARE
						SOLE (A) SHARED (B) OTHER (C)

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Adams Express Company	COMMON	006212104	1,193,061	94,090	N	X
American International Gro	COMMON	026874107	18,017,350	265,000	N	X
Alkermes, Inc.	COMMON	01642T108	3,923,600	340,000	N	X
American Tower Corporation	COMMON	029912201	8,442,500	550,000	N	X
Annuity and Life Re (Holdi	COMMON	G03910109	250,000	625,000	N	X
Apache Corporation	COMMON	037411105	19,542,900	390,000	N	X
Bank of America Corporatio	COMMON	060505104	15,945,440	368,000	N	X
Baxter International Inc.	COMMON	071813109	26,532,000	825,000	N	X
Bancroft Convertible Fund	COMMON	059695106	386,642	21,070	N	X
Biogen Idec Inc.	COMMON	09062X103	15,292,500	250,000	N	X
Bristol-Myers Squibb Compa	COMMON	110122108	7,101,000	300,000	N	X
Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	COMMON	084670108	25,995,000	300	N	X
Brooks Automation, Inc.	COMMON	114340102	6,954,725	491,500	N	X
Central Securities Corpora	COMMON	155123102	2,515,140	113,040	N	X
CIENA Corporation	COMMON	171779101	1,089,000	550,000	N	X
Costco Wholesale Corporati	COMMON	22160K105	29,057,000	700,000	N	X
Cox Communications, Inc. -	COMMON	224044107	20,540,600	620,000	N	X
Cisco Systems, Inc.	COMMON	17275R102	16,290,000	900,000	N	X
CEMEX, S.A. de C.V.	COMMON	151290889	26,733,000	950,000	N	X
Diageo plc	COMMON	25243Q205	17,650,500	350,000	N	X
Genentech, Inc.	COMMON	368710406	29,355,200	560,000	N	X
Devon Energy Corporation	COMMON	25179M103	56,808,000	800,000	N	X
EMC Corporation	COMMON	268648102	3,462,000	300,000	N	X
EMCORE Corporation	COMMON	290846104	388,090	197,000	N	X
El Paso Corporation 0%	CONV C	28336LAC3	11,475,000	22,500,000	N	X
Ethan Allen Interiors Inc.	COMMON	297602104	9,556,250	275,000	N	X
Golden West Financial	COMMON	381317106	36,058,750	325,000	N	X
Genaera Corporation	COMMON	36867G100	1,055,700	270,000	N	X
Genta Incorporated	COMMON	37245M207	1,008,750	375,000	N	X
Halliburton Company	COMMON	406216101	20,214,000	600,000	N	X
The Home Depot, Inc.	COMMON	437076102	75,264,000	1,920,000	N	X
Juniper Networks, Inc.	COMMON	48203R104	3,540,000	150,000	N	X
Lamar Advertising Company	COMMON	512815101	20,805,000	500,000	N	X
Medtronic, Inc.	COMMON	585055106	23,355,000	450,000	N	X
MedImmune, Inc.	COMMON	584699102	10,783,500	455,000	N	X
MetLife, Inc.	COMMON	59156R108	16,812,750	435,000	N	X
MFA Mortgage Investments,	COMMON	55272X102	7,828,500	850,000	N	X
Millennium Pharmaceuticals	COMMON	599902103	1,640,400	120,000	N	X
Molex Incorporated Class A	COMMON	608554200	18,818,800	715,000	N	X
Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd	COMMON	G62185106	6,419,000	175,000	N	X
Microsoft Corporation	COMMON	594918104	42,166,250	1,525,000	N	X
M&T Bank Corporation	COMMON	55261F104	31,581,000	330,000	N	X
Annaly Mortgage Management	COMMON	035710409	13,275,750	775,000	N	X
NetIQ Corporation	COMMON	64115P102	6,666,100	623,000	N	X
PepsiCo, Inc.	COMMON	713448108	7,297,500	150,000	N	X
Pfizer Inc	COMMON	717081103	40,545,000	1,325,000	N	X
PartnerRe Ltd.	COMMON	G6852T105	27,345,000	500,000	N	X
Everest Re Group, Ltd.	COMMON	G3223R108	48,314,500	650,000	N	X
Reinsurance Group of Ameri	COMMON	759351109	18,334,000	445,000	N	X
Republic Services, Inc.	COMMON	760759100	34,968,000	1,175,000	N	X
Royce Value Trust	COMMON	780910105	1,812,580	100,867	N	X
SunTrust Banks, Inc.	COMMON	867914103	14,434,050	205,000	N	X
The TJX Companies, Inc.	COMMON	872540109	55,100,000	2,500,000	N	X
Total S.A. ADR	COMMON	89151E109	25,235,990	247,000	N	X
Transatlantic Holdings, In	COMMON	893521104	15,285,938	281,250	N	X
Unocal Corporation	COMMON	915289102	8,600,000	200,000	N	X
VeriSign, Inc.	COMMON	92343E102	4,641,980	233,500	N	X
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	COMMON	931142103	35,910,000	675,000	N	X