ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR
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Form 4 Transactions Reported

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 *
ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)

122 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500

(Street)

NEW YORK CITY,Â NYÂ 10168

(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
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)

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American Investors Inc Common Stock								
General American Investors Inc Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	58,586	I	Trustee [2]
General American Investors Inc Common Stock	Â	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	Â	4,000	I	Trustee [2]
General American Investors Inc 5.95% Series B Pfd Stock	Â	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 D Se Be O Er Is Fi (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	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

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