

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC
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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 Pr B]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/17/2005

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

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 Filing (Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10168

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
General American Investors Company, Inc. 5.95% Preferred	05/17/2005		S		2,200	D	\$ 24.85
General American Investors					74,000	I	

Trust Beneficiary

By Trusts (1)

Company, Inc.5.95% Preferred			
General American Investors Company, Inc.5.95% Preferred	4,000	I	By Trusts <u>(2)</u>
General American Investors Company, Inc.5.95% Preferred	9,200	I	GP <u>(3)</u>
General American Investors Company, Inc.Common Stock	121,929	I	By Trusts <u>(1)</u>
General American Investors Company, Inc.Common Stock	1,619	D	
General American Investors Company, Inc.Common Stock	55,634	I	By Trusts <u>(2)</u>
General American Investors Company, Inc.Common Stock	17,066	I	By Trusts <u>(4)</u>

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION 122 EAST 42ND STREET,SUITE 2500 NEW YORK, NY 10168	X			

Signatures

Arthur G. Altschul, Jr. 05/18/2005

__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) Director is Trustee and Beneficiary
- (2) Director is a Trustee
- (3) Director is the General Partner of Altschul Investment Group
- (4) Director is Beneficiary

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