

TRUST FBO ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR 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 ALTSCHUL
 ARTHUR G JR UW ALTSCHUL
 HELEN G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)
 12/31/2004

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

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 Indirect Beneficial 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
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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HELEN G
C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
122 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500
NEW YORK, NY 10168-2500

Â Â Â Director is a trustee

Signatures

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

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares received as dividend

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