

TRUST FBO ALTSCHUL STEPHEN F UW ALTSCHUL F
Form 5

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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TRUST FBO ALTSCHUL
STEPHEN F UW ALTSCHUL F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O OVERBROOK
MANAGEMENT CORP,Â 122
EAST 42ND STREET SUITE 2500

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10168-2500

(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)
12/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title ____X____ Other (specify
below) below)
Trustee/President & CEO - GAM

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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Person

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)
Common Stock	12/26/2008	Â	J ⁽¹⁾	140 Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 15.55	5,113	D	Â
5.95% Preferred Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Amount (A) or (D) Price Â	2,000	D	Â

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(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 S B O E I F (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
TRUST FBO ALTSCHUL STEPHEN F UW ALTSCHUL F C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORP 122 EAST 42ND STREET SUITE 2500 NEW YORK, NY 10168-2500	Â	Â	Â	Trustee/President & CEO - GAM

Signatures

/s/Spencer Davidson, Trustee, Trust FBO Stephen F. Altschul, U/W F.
Altschul

01/28/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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(1) Shares received in payment of dividends.

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