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GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC
Form 13F-HR
February 09, 2005

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 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 February 09, 2005

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: 60
Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$1,146,756,145

NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP NUMBER	FAIR MARKET VALUE	SHARES OR PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	SH/ PRN	INVEST. DISC. SHARE SOLE SHARED OTH (A) (B) (C)
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Arch Capital Group Ltd.	COMMON	G0450A105	7,740,000	200,000	N	X
Adams Express Company	COMMON	006212104	1,305,676	99,518	N	X
American International Gro	COMMON	026874107	21,999,450	335,000	N	X
Alkermes, Inc.	COMMON	01642T108	4,790,600	340,000	N	X
American Tower Corporation	COMMON	029912201	10,120,000	550,000	N	X
Annuity and Life Re (Holdi	COMMON	G03910109	227,500	500,000	N	X
Apache Corporation	COMMON	037411105	33,629,050	665,000	N	X
Bank of America Corporatio	COMMON	060505104	17,292,320	368,000	N	X
Bancroft Convertible Fund	COMMON	059695106	402,992	21,088	N	X
Biogen Idec Inc.	COMMON	09062X103	16,652,500	250,000	N	X
Bristol-Myers Squibb Compa	COMMON	110122108	7,686,000	300,000	N	X
Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	COMMON	084670108	26,370,000	300	N	X
Brooks Automation, Inc.	COMMON	114340102	8,463,630	491,500	N	X
Central Securities Corpora	COMMON	155123102	2,726,439	119,319	N	X
CIENA Corporation	COMMON	171779101	1,837,000	550,000	N	X
Costco Wholesale Corporati	COMMON	22160K105	33,887,000	700,000	N	X
Cisco Systems, Inc.	COMMON	17275R102	17,388,000	900,000	N	X
CEMEX, S.A. de C.V. ADR	COMMON	151290889	40,062,000	1,100,000	N	X
Cytokinetics, Incorporated	COMMON	23282W100	768,750	75,000	N	X
Diageo plc	COMMON	25243Q205	20,258,000	350,000	N	X
Dollar General Corporation	COMMON	256669102	3,094,730	149,000	N	X
Genentech, Inc.	COMMON	368710406	30,486,400	560,000	N	X
Devon Energy Corporation	COMMON	25179M103	62,272,000	1,600,000	N	X
EMC Corporation	COMMON	268648102	4,461,000	300,000	N	X
EMCORE Corporation	COMMON	290846104	687,530	197,000	N	X
EOG Resources, Inc.	COMMON	26875P101	19,624,000	275,000	N	X
El Paso Corporation 0%	CONV C	28336LAC3	11,840,625	22,500,000	N	X
Ethan Allen Interiors Inc.	COMMON	297602104	11,005,500	275,000	N	X
Golden West Financial	COMMON	381317106	38,080,400	620,000	N	X
Genaera Corporation	COMMON	36867G100	923,400	270,000	N	X
Genta Incorporated	COMMON	37245M207	660,000	375,000	N	X
Halliburton Company	COMMON	406216101	20,601,000	525,000	N	X
The Home Depot, Inc.	COMMON	437076102	82,060,800	1,920,000	N	X
Juniper Networks, Inc.	COMMON	48203R104	4,078,500	150,000	N	X
Lamar Advertising Company	COMMON	512815101	21,390,000	500,000	N	X
Medtronic, Inc.	COMMON	585055106	22,351,500	450,000	N	X
MedImmune, Inc.	COMMON	584699102	12,335,050	455,000	N	X
MetLife, Inc.	COMMON	59156R108	16,204,000	400,000	N	X
MFA Mortgage Investments,	COMMON	55272X102	7,497,000	850,000	N	X
Millennium Pharmaceuticals	COMMON	599902103	1,456,800	120,000	N	X
Molex Incorporated Class A	COMMON	608554200	19,054,750	715,000	N	X
Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd	COMMON	G62185106	6,152,000	160,000	N	X
Microsoft Corporation	COMMON	594918104	40,748,000	1,525,000	N	X
M&T Bank Corporation	COMMON	55261F104	33,430,400	310,000	N	X
Annaly Mortgage Management	COMMON	035710409	11,772,000	600,000	N	X
NetIQ Corporation	COMMON	64115P102	7,606,830	623,000	N	X
PepsiCo, Inc.	COMMON	713448108	7,830,000	150,000	N	X
Pfizer Inc	COMMON	717081103	34,284,750	1,275,000	N	X
PartnerRe Ltd.	COMMON	G6852T105	29,421,500	475,000	N	X
Everest Re Group, Ltd.	COMMON	G3223R108	55,975,000	625,000	N	X
Reinsurance Group of Ameri	COMMON	759351109	18,653,250	385,000	N	X
Republic Services, Inc.	COMMON	760759100	39,409,500	1,175,000	N	X
Royce Value Trust	COMMON	780910105	2,114,273	103,438	N	X
SunTrust Banks, Inc.	COMMON	867914103	15,145,400	205,000	N	X
The TJX Companies, Inc.	COMMON	872540109	62,825,000	2,500,000	N	X
Total S.A. ADR	COMMON	89151E109	30,206,000	275,000	N	X
Transatlantic Holdings, In	COMMON	893521104	17,003,250	275,000	N	X
Unocal Corporation	COMMON	915289102	30,268,000	700,000	N	X
VeriSign, Inc.	COMMON	92343E102	4,485,600	133,500	N	X
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	COMMON	931142103	35,653,500	675,000	N	X

