

DAVIDSON SPENCER

Form 4

May 10, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DAVIDSON SPENCER

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O GENERAL AMERICAN
INVESTORS CO INC, 450
LEXINGTON AVE STE 3300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2005

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

President & CEO

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
5.95% Preferred Stock	05/09/2005		S		4,200	D \$ 24.8	98,200	I	By Trusts <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock							464,724	D <u>(2)</u>	
Common Stock							21,605	I	By Thrift Plan Trust <u>(3)</u>
Common							410,183	I	By Trusts

Stock

(1)

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 Beneficially Owned Following the Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAVIDSON SPENCER
C/O GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC
450 LEXINGTON AVE STE 3300
NEW YORK, NY 10017

X

President & CEO

Signatures

/s/Spencer
Davidson

05/10/2005

**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) By various Trusts of which the undersigned is Trustee. The undersigned disclaims interest in these shares.

(2) Held by the Hudson Partnership of which the undersigned is the General Partner and in which he has a 94% interest.

(3) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.

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