

Priest Jeffrey W
Form 4
May 10, 2012

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Priest Jeffrey W

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)
GENERAL AMERICAN
INVESTORS COMPANY,
INC., 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH
FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2012

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

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10017

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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		
Common Stock	05/09/2012		P		1,000	A \$ 27.7899	12,592	D
Common Stock	05/09/2012		P		1,500	A \$ 27.84	14,092	D
Common Stock							2,072	I
Common Stock							10,196	I
								By Parent (1)
								By Power of

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Common Stock	1,865	I	Attorney (1) By Thrift Plan Trust (2)
5.95% Preferred Stock	1,739	I	By Parent (1)
5/95% Preferred Stock	13,121	I	By Power of Attorney (1)
5.95% Preferred Stock	2,000	I	By Children (3)

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 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
Priest Jeffrey W GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC. 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR	President

NEW YORK, NY 10017

Signatures

/s/Jeffrey W.
Priest

05/10/2012

__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) Mr. Priest has voting and dispositive power and disclaims beneficial interest.
- (2) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The information is based upon a statement as of 12/31/2011 issued by the Plan Administrator. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (3) Mr. Priest has pecuniary interest.

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