

TRUST FBO ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR UW ALTSCHUL HELEN G
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FORM 5

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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)
 12/31/2005

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 below) Other (specify below)
 Trustee is a GAM director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)
 Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

122 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500
 (Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10168
 (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 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	12/22/2005		J(1)	674 A	\$ 34.81	D	
General American					2,000	D	

