

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/26/2011

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

C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORP, 122 E. 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500

(Street)

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

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

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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock           | 10/26/2011                           |  | S                              | 5,000   | D   | \$ 25.35   | 66,400 I TTEE & Beneficiary <sup>(1)</sup>            |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock           |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 11,200   | I Power of Attorney <sup>(2)</sup>                    |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock           |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 4,000  | I Trustee <sup>(4)</sup>                              |

|              |         |   |                                   |
|--------------|---------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 2,143   | D |                                   |
| Common Stock | 157,937 | I | TTEE & Beneficiary <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 6,984   | I | Power of Attorney <sup>(2)</sup>  |
| Common Stock | 139,429 | I | Director of FDN <sup>(3)</sup>    |
| Common Stock | 78,207  | I | Trustee <sup>(4)</sup>            |
| Common Stock | 23,900  | I | Trust beneficiary <sup>(5)</sup>  |

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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR<br>C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORP<br>122 E. 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500 | X             |           |         |       |

NEW YORK, NY 10168

## Signatures

Arthur G.  
Altschul, Jr.

11/01/2011

\_\_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) Director is a trustee and beneficiary of various trusts.
- (2) Director has power of attorney over account.
- (3) Director is also a director of the Overbrook Foundation, a private 501(c)(3) organization, and serves on various committees. He disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (4) Director is a trustee of various trusts. He disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (5) Director is an income beneficiary of a trust.

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