

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Trust FBO James Wagner Altschul, U/A/D 08/20/1998
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/02/2008

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

C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORP., 122 EAST 42ND STREET - SUITE 2500
 (Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10168-2500
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

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

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Trustee, President & CEO

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Trust FBO James Wagner Altschul, U/A/D 08/20/1998 C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORP. 122 EAST 42ND STREET - SUITE 2500 NEW YORK, NY 10168-2500	^	^	^	Trustee, President & CEO

Signatures

/s/Spencer Davidson Trustee, Trust FBO James Wagner Altschul, U/A/D 8/20/1998	01/06/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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