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GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC

Form 13F-HR May 13, 2005

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: March 31, 2005

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report: Name: General American Investors Company, Inc.

Address: 450 Lexington Avenue, Suite 3300

New York, NY 10017

Form 13F File Number: 28-461

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Eugene L. DeStaebler, Jr.

Title: Vice-President, Administration

Phone: 212-916-8400

Signature, Place and Date of Signing:

/s/ Eugene L. DeStaebler, Jr. New York, NY May 13, 2005

Report Type (Check only one.):

- 13F HOLDINGS REPORT [x]
- 13F NOTICE []
- 13F COMBINATION REPORT []

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager: NONE

FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 61

Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$1,154,751

(thousands)

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	COLUMN 2		COLUMN		LUMN 5	COLUMN 6	
NAME OF ISSUER T	ITLE OF		VALUE (x\$1000)	SHRS OR	SH/ PUT/ PRN CALL		
Arch Capital Group Ltd.			•	340,000	SH	SOLE	
Adams Express Company		006212104	1,281	99,518	SH	SOLE	
Aspen Insurance Holdings L				65,000	SH	SOLE	
American International Gro					SH	SOLE	
Alkermes, Inc.		01642T108	3,529	340,000	SH	SOLE	
American Tower Corporation			10,027	550,000	SH	SOLE	
Annuity and Life Re (Holdi			470	500,000	SH	SOLE	
Apache Corporation		037411105			SH	SOLE	
Bank of America Corporatio			16,229		SH	SOLE	
Bancroft Convertible Fund			372	21,088	SH	SOLE	
Biogen Idec Inc.		09062X103	6,902	200,000	SH	SOLE	
Bristol-Myers Squibb Compa				300,000	SH	SOLE	
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl				300	SH	SOLE	
Brooks Automation, Inc.		114340102		491,500	SH	SOLE	
Central Securities Corpora			2,797	119,319	SH	SOLE	
CIENA Corporation			946	550,000	SH	SOLE	
Costco Wholesale Corporati					SH	SOLE	
Cisco Systems, Inc.				•	SH	SOLE	
CEMEX, S.A. de C.V. ADR			39,875		SH	SOLE	
Cytokinetics, Incorporated			1,804	275,000 350,000	SH	SOLE	
Diageo plc		25243Q205	19,915	350,000	SH	SOLE	
Dollar General Corporation				500,000	SH	SOLE	
		368710406	22,644		SH	SOLE	
Devon Energy Corporation			76,400		SH	SOLE	
EMC Corporation EMCORE Corporation	COMMON	268648102	3,696	300,000	SH	SOLE	
EMCORE Corporation	COMMON		664	197,000	SH	SOLE	
EOG Resources, Inc.		26875P101		600,000	SH	SOLE	
Ethan Allen Interiors Inc.			8,800		SH	SOLE	
Golden West Financial		381317106		600,000	SH	SOLE	
Genaera Corporation	COMMON	36867G100 406216101	616	270,000	SH	SOLE	
Halliburton Company The Home Depot, Inc.	COMMON	406216101	22,706	525,000	SH	SOLE	
			73,421		SH	SOLE	
Juniper Networks, Inc.			3,309		SH	SOLE	
Lafarge North America Inc. Lamar Advertising Company				90,800 500,000	SH	SOLE	
		512815101	20,145 22,928	•	SH	SOLE	
Medtronic, Inc. MedImmune, Inc.		585055106 584699102	10,834	450,000 455,000	SH SH	SOLE SOLE	
MetLife, Inc.		59156R108	15,640	400,000	SH	SOLE	
MFA Mortgage Investments,		55272X102	5,898	775,000	SH	SOLE	
Millennium Pharmaceuticals			1,010	120,000	SH	SOLE	
Molex Incorporated Class A			16,874	715,000	SH	SOLE	
Montpelier Re Holdings Ltd			3,866	110,000	SH	SOLE	
Microsoft Corporation		594918104	36,859	1,525,000	SH	SOLE	
M&T Bank Corporation		55261F104	31,639	310,000	SH	SOLE	
Annaly Mortgage Management			5,159	275,000	SH	SOLE	
NetIQ Corporation		64115P102	7,121	623,000	SH	SOLE	
PepsiCo, Inc.		713448108	7,954	150,000	SH	SOLE	
Pfizer Inc		717081103	33,494	1,275,000	SH	SOLE	
PartnerRe Ltd.		G6852T105	30,685	475,000	SH	SOLE	
Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.			16,263	650,000	SH	SOLE	
Everest Re Group, Ltd.		G3223R108	53,194	625,000	SH	SOLE	
Reinsurance Group of Ameri			14,903	350,000	SH	SOLE	
Republic Services, Inc.		760759100	39,339	1,175,000	SH	SOLE	
Royce Value Trust		780910105	2,005	105,654	SH	SOLE	
SunTrust Banks, Inc.		867914103	14,774	205,000	SH	SOLE	
The TJX Companies, Inc.		872540109	61,575	2,500,000	SH	SOLE	

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Total S.A. ADR	COMMON	89151E109	38,686	330,000	SH	SOLE
Transatlantic Holdings,	In COMMON	893521104	16,522	249,500	SH	SOLE
Unocal Corporation	COMMON	915289102	46,267	750,000	SH	SOLE
VeriSign, Inc.	COMMON	92343E102	3,831	133,500	SH	SOLE
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	COMMON	931142103	33,824	675 , 000	SH	SOLE