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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 *

Â Priest Jeffrey W
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
02/01/2012

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ 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)

Common Stock	11,592	D	Â
Common Stock	2,072	I	By Parent ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	10,196	I	By Power of Attorney ⁽¹⁾
5.95% Preferred Stock	3,356	D	Â
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 ⁽²⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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 Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	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 NEW YORK, NY 10017	Â	Â	Â President	Â

Signatures

/s/Jeffrey W. Priest 02/03/2012

____Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Mr. Priest has voting and dispositive power and disclaims beneficial interest

(2) Pecuniary interest.

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