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Form 5
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FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 3 Holdings Reported
Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Stark Eugene S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
12/31/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director
__X__ Officer (give title below)
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
VP Administration, CCO

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

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)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2009	Â	J(1)	3,331	A	$ (1)	15,503	I	By Thrift Plan Trust (2)
Common Stock	12/28/2009	Â	J(3)	18	A	$ 22.86	1,206	D (4)	Â
	12/31/2009(5)	Â	J(3)	25	A	$ (5)	1,569	D (4)	Â

5.95%
Preferred
Stock

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. of D Se Be O E Is Fi (I
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stark Eugene S GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC. 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10017	Â	Â	Â VP Administration, CCO	Â

Signatures

/s/Eugene S. Stark	01/11/2010
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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****** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The securities reported herein were acquired on a periodic basis in open market transactions at the then prevailing market prices pursuant to the Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan. The information is based upon a statement as of 12/31/2009 issued by the Plan Administrator.

(2) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.

(3) Shares received in payment of dividends.

(4) Shares held in Joint Tenancy with wife.

(5) Shares received in payment of dividends on 3/24/09, 6/24/09, 9/24/09 and 12/24/09 (in a dividend reinvestment brokerage account) at the then prevailing market price.

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