

TRUST FBO ALTSCHUL CHARLES UAD 12 15 72
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 TRUST FBO ALTSCHUL
 CHARLES UAD 12 15 72

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)
 C/O OVERBROOK
 MANAGEMENT CORP, 122 EAST
 42ND STREET SUITE 2500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/21/2009

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Trustee/President & CEO - GAM

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10168-2500

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock	05/21/2009		P	V 1,800 A \$ 17.735	4,789	D	

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)

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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 Beneficially (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TRUST FBO ALTSCHUL CHARLES UAD 12 15 72 C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORP 122 EAST 42ND STREET SUITE 2500 NEW YORK, NY 10168-2500				Trustee/President & CEO - GAM

Signatures

/s/Spencer Davidson, Trustee, Trust FBO Charles Altschul, U/A/D
12/15/72

05/21/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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