

DAVIDSON SPENCER
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DAVIDSON SPENCER

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)

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC, 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & CEO

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10017

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
5.95% Preferred Stock	12/15/2010		P	1,304	A \$ 24.85	1,941	D ⁽¹⁾
5.95% Preferred Stock						87,400	I <u>By Trusts</u> ⁽²⁾
Common Stock						654,957	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock						562,712	I <u>By Trusts</u>

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- (2) By various Trusts of which the undersigned is Trustee. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (3) By Issuer's Employees Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.

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