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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Trust u/w Helen G. Altschul F/B/O Serena von Reis Altschul

(Last) (First) (Middle)

c/o Overbrook Mangement Corp
122 East 42nd Street , Suite 2500

(Street)

New York, New York 10168

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

General American Investors Company , Inc (GAM)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

13-6872502

4. Statement for Month/Year

12/31/02

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

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Trust-Director/Trustee-----Direct Pecuniary Interest

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing
(check applicable line)

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. Trans- action Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price

Common Stock	12/23/02		J	150	A	25.45
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Code J--Shares received in payment of dividend

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

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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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (mm/dd/ yy)	3A. Deemed Execut- ion Date if any (mm/dd/ yy)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expira- tion Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares
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Explanation of Responses:

Arthur G. Altschul, Jr.

February 13, 2003

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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