

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: September 30, 2006

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Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC. 13F File No. 28-461
Address: 450 Lexington Ave, Suite 3300
New York, NY 10017

13F File Number: 28-461

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Eugene S. Stark
Title: Vice-President, Administration
Phone: 212-916-8447
Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

Eugene S. Stark New York, NY October 20, 2006

Report Type (Check only one.):

- [X] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT.
[] 13F NOTICE.
[] 13F COMBINATION REPORT.

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

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Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0
 Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 57
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List of Other Included Managers:

No. 13F File Number Name

| COLUMN 1 ----- | COLUMN 2 ----- | COLUMN 3 ----- | COLUMN 4 ----- | COLUMN 5 ----- | COLUMN 6 ----- | |
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| NAME OF ISSUER | -TITLE OF CLASS- | --CUSIP-- | VALUE x\$1000 | SHARES/ PRN AMT | SH/ PRN CALL | PUT/ INVSTMT DISCRETN |
| ABB Ltd. ADR | COMMON | 000375204 | 15157 | 1150000 | SH | SOLE |
| Arch Capital Group Ltd. | COMMON | G0450A105 | 22222 | 350000 | SH | SOLE |
| Adams Express Company | COMMON | 006212104 | 1421 | 105075 | SH | SOLE |
| American International Group, Inc | COMMON | 026874107 | 24848 | 375000 | SH | SOLE |
| Alkermes, Inc. | COMMON | 01642T108 | 3804 | 240000 | SH | SOLE |
| The Allstate Corporation | COMMON | 020002101 | 17251 | 275000 | SH | SOLE |
| Ameriprise Financial, Inc. | COMMON | 03076C106 | 2814 | 60000 | SH | SOLE |
| American Tower Corporation | COMMON | 029912201 | 28288 | 775000 | SH | SOLE |
| Apache Corporation | COMMON | 037411105 | 52140 | 825000 | SH | SOLE |
| Activision, Inc. | COMMON | 004930202 | 9438 | 625000 | SH | SOLE |
| Avaya Inc. | COMMON | 053499109 | 6006 | 525000 | SH | SOLE |
| AXIS Capital Holdings Limited | COMMON | G0692U109 | 13876 | 400000 | SH | SOLE |
| Bank of America Corporation | COMMON | 060505104 | 14464 | 270000 | SH | SOLE |
| Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. | COMMON | 075896100 | 7652 | 200000 | SH | SOLE |
| Biogen Idec Inc. | COMMON | 09062X103 | 7596 | 170000 | SH | SOLE |
| Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class A | COMMON | 084670108 | 28740 | 300 | SH | SOLE |
| Cephalon, Inc. | COMMON | 156708109 | 9263 | 150000 | SH | SOLE |
| Central Securities Corporation | COMMON | 155123102 | 675 | 26055 | SH | SOLE |
| Costco Wholesale Corporation | COMMON | 22160K105 | 34776 | 700000 | SH | SOLE |
| Cisco Systems, Inc. | COMMON | 17275R102 | 20682 | 900000 | SH | SOLE |
| CEMEX, S.A. de C.V. ADR | COMMON | 151290889 | 70714 | 2350862 | SH | SOLE |
| Cytokinetics, Incorporated | COMMON | 23282W100 | 3890 | 604900 | SH | SOLE |
| Diageo plc ADR | COMMON | 25243Q205 | 24864 | 350000 | SH | SOLE |
| Dollar General Corporation | COMMON | 256669102 | 21794 | 1599000 | SH | SOLE |
| Genentech, Inc. | COMMON | 368710406 | 16540 | 200000 | SH | SOLE |
| EMC Corporation | COMMON | 268648102 | 3594 | 300000 | SH | SOLE |
| Golden West Financial | COMMON | 381317106 | 45191 | 585000 | SH | SOLE |
| Halliburton Company | COMMON | 406216101 | 24183 | 850000 | SH | SOLE |
| The Home Depot, Inc. | COMMON | 437076102 | 56944 | 1570000 | SH | SOLE |
| Intermec, Inc. | COMMON | 458786100 | 2109 | 80000 | SH | SOLE |
| Lamar Advertising Company | COMMON | 512815101 | 18694 | 350000 | SH | SOLE |
| Medtronic, Inc. | COMMON | 585055106 | 20898 | 450000 | SH | SOLE |
| MedImmune, Inc. | COMMON | 584699102 | 11123 | 380000 | SH | SOLE |
| MetLife, Inc. | COMMON | 59156R108 | 16154 | 285000 | SH | SOLE |
| MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc. | COMMON | 55272X102 | 8009 | 1075000 | SH | SOLE |
| Molex Incorporated Class A | COMMON | 608554200 | 18101 | 550000 | SH | SOLE |
| Microsoft Corporation | COMMON | 594918104 | 21880 | 800000 | SH | SOLE |

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| M&T Bank Corporation | COMMON | 55261F104 | 37188 | 310000 | SH | SOLE |
| Annaly Capital Management, Inc. | COMMON | 035710409 | 8607 | 655000 | SH | SOLE |
| PepsiCo, Inc. | COMMON | 713448108 | 11421 | 175000 | SH | SOLE |
| Pfizer Inc | COMMON | 717081103 | 49261 | 1737000 | SH | SOLE |
| PartnerRe Ltd. | COMMON | G6852T105 | 22636 | 335000 | SH | SOLE |
| Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. | COMMON | 703481101 | 23760 | 1000000 | SH | SOLE |
| Everest Re Group, Ltd. | COMMON | G3223R108 | 52179 | 535000 | SH | SOLE |
| Republic Services, Inc. | COMMON | 760759100 | 47247 | 1175000 | SH | SOLE |
| Rio Tinto plc ADR | COMMON | 767204100 | 12326 | 65000 | SH | SOLE |
| Royce Value Trust | COMMON | 780910105 | 2458 | 120258 | SH | SOLE |
| SunTrust Banks, Inc. | COMMON | 867914103 | 13138 | 170000 | SH | SOLE |
| Constellation Brands, Inc. | COMMON | 21036P108 | 9354 | 325000 | SH | SOLE |
| THQ Inc. | COMMON | 872443403 | 6272 | 215000 | SH | SOLE |
| The TJX Companies, Inc. | COMMON | 872540109 | 65590 | 2340000 | SH | SOLE |
| Talisman Energy Inc. | COMMON | 87425E103 | 49140 | 3000000 | SH | SOLE |
| Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. | COMMON | 893521104 | 13894 | 230000 | SH | SOLE |
| VeriSign, Inc. | COMMON | 92343E102 | 2697 | 133500 | SH | SOLE |
| Weatherford International Ltd. | COMMON | G95089101 | 50898 | 1220000 | SH | SOLE |
| Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. | COMMON | 931142103 | 28359 | 575000 | SH | SOLE |
| Xerox Corporation | COMMON | 984121103 | 29564 | 1900000 | SH | SOLE |