

GORDAN JOHN D III
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 GORDAN JOHN D III

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 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 | 12/23/2010 | ^ | J ⁽¹⁾ | 148 | A | \$ 26.01 | 9,153 ⁽²⁾ | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | 12/23/2010 | ^ | J ⁽¹⁾ | 41 | A | \$ 26.01 | 2,524 | I | By Spouse ⁽³⁾ |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 1,000 | D | ^ |

