

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC

Form 4

October 27, 2016

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**DAVIDSON SPENCER**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10017**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**GENERAL AMERICAN  
INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**10/26/2016**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 10/26/2016                              |                                                             | S                                       | 2,000                                                                   | D<br>\$<br>31.768                                                                                                  | 147,589                                                              | I <sup>(1)</sup> By Trusts                                        |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 961,643                                                              | D <sup>(2)</sup>                                                  |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 2,651                                                                | D <sup>(3)</sup>                                                  |
| 5.95%<br>Preferred<br>Stock           |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 93,600                                                               | I <sup>(1)</sup> By Trusts                                        |

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|                       |        |                  |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------|
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | 82,155 | D <sup>(2)</sup> |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | 1,000  | D <sup>(3)</sup> |

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)

| 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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                              | Relationships                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| DAVIDSON SPENCER<br>GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC<br>100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10017 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other<br>X Chairman |

## Signatures

/s/ Spencer Davidson  
10/27/2016  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) By various Trusts of which the undersigned is Trustee. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.

(2) Shares held by Hudson Partnership of which Spencer Davidson is the General Partner.

(3) Shares held in an IRA account.

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