### DESTAEBLER EUGENE L JR

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#### **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 5 **OMB** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per 5 obligations OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer DESTAEBLER EUGENE L JR Symbol **GENERAL AMERICAN** (Check all applicable) **INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]** (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner \_X\_ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2005 Former ChiefCompliance Officer C/O GENERAL AMERICAN **INVESTORS CO INC, Â 450 LEXINGTON AVE STE 3300** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting Filed(Month/Day/Year) (check applicable line) NEW YORK, NYÂ 10017 \_X\_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Transaction Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned at end (D) or Ownership of Issuer's Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Fiscal Year (Instr. 4) (A) (Instr. 3 and or 4) (D) Price Amount Common Â Â J(1)12/22/2005 218 204,508 D Stock 34.81 Common Â Â Â Â Â Â 597 I By Spouse

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	Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	
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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DESTAEBLER EUGENE L JR C/O GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC 450 LEXINGTON AVE STE 3300 NEW YORK, NYÂ 10017

Â Â Former ChiefCompliance Officer

# **Signatures**

/s/Eugene L. 01/04/2006 DeStaebler, Jr.

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
Person

# **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) Shares received in payment of dividends.

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