

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC  
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February 06, 2012

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

FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 2011

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Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC.  
Address: 100 PARK AVE 35TH FLOOR  
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 February 06, 2012

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Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0  
 Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 54  
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List of Other Included Managers:

No. 13F File Number Name

NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	VALUE x\$1000	SHARES/ PRN AMT	SH/ PRN CALL	PUT/ DISCRETN	INVSTMT MANAGERS
Apple Inc.	COMMON	037833100	24300	60000	SH	SOLE	
ABB Ltd. ADR	COMMON	000375204	22596	1200000	SH	SOLE	
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	COMMON	G0450A105	32576	875000	SH	SOLE	
Adams Express Company	COMMON	006212104	1350	140091	SH	SOLE	
Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.	COMMON	02076X102	9555	467700	SH	SOLE	
Aon Corporation	COMMON	037389103	15467	330492	SH	SOLE	
Apache Corporation	COMMON	037411105	26855	296478	SH	SOLE	
ASML Holding N.V.	COMMON	N07059186	24029	575000	SH	SOLE	
American Express Company	COMMON	025816109	14859	315000	SH	SOLE	
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class A	COMMON	084670108	12623	110	SH	SOLE	
Celgene Corporation	COMMON	151020104	11492	170000	SH	SOLE	
Central Securities Corporation	COMMON	155123102	780	38102	SH	SOLE	
Canadian Natural Resources	COMMON	136385101	11211	300000	SH	SOLE	
Costco Wholesale Corporation	COMMON	22160K105	32870	394500	SH	SOLE	
Cisco Systems, Inc.	COMMON	17275R102	17357	960000	SH	SOLE	
Cytokinetics, Incorporated	COMMON	23282W100	509	529900	SH	SOLE	
Dell Inc.	COMMON	24702R101	12070	825000	SH	SOLE	
Diageo plc ADR	COMMON	25243Q205	30597	350000	SH	SOLE	
Devon Energy Corporation	COMMON	25179M103	8064	130062	SH	SOLE	
Epoch Holding Corporation	COMMON	29428R103	37050	1666667	SH	SOLE	
Ford Motor Company	COMMON	345370860	13601	1264063	SH	SOLE	
Freeport-McMoRan	COMMON	35671D857	7358	200000	SH	SOLE	
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	COMMON	375558103	23105	564500	SH	SOLE	
Halliburton Company	COMMON	406216101	25883	750000	SH	SOLE	
International Game Technology	COMMON	459902102	12900	750000	SH	SOLE	
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	COMMON	46625H100	17290	520000	SH	SOLE	
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	COMMON	46634E114	1913	225000	SH	SOLE	
Kohl's Corporation	COMMON	500255104	4935	100000	SH	SOLE	
MetLife, Inc.	COMMON	59156R108	10134	325000	SH	SOLE	
Microsoft Corporation	COMMON	594918104	19989	770000	SH	SOLE	
M&T Bank Corporation	COMMON	55261F104	8397	110000	SH	SOLE	
The Manitowoc Company, Inc.	COMMON	563571108	8271	900000	SH	SOLE	
Nelnet, Inc.	COMMON	64031N108	15783	645000	SH	SOLE	
Nucor Corporation	COMMON	670346105	5936	150000	SH	SOLE	
PepsiCo, Inc.	COMMON	713448108	21564	325000	SH	SOLE	
Pfizer Inc.	COMMON	717081103	16356	755808	SH	SOLE	
PartnerRe Ltd.	COMMON	G6852T105	18300	285000	SH	SOLE	
Platinum Underwriters	COMMON	G7127P100	14838	435000	SH	SOLE	
QUALCOMM Incorporated	COMMON	747525103	38290	700000	SH	SOLE	

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Everest Re Group, Ltd.	COMMON	G3223R108	20602	245000	SH	SOLE
Republic Services, Inc.	COMMON	760759100	26368	957100	SH	SOLE
Royce Value Trust, Inc.	COMMON	780910105	1891	154144	SH	SOLE
Teradata Corporation	COMMON	88076W103	11157	230000	SH	SOLE
Target Corporation	COMMON	87612E106	23561	460000	SH	SOLE
The TJX Companies, Inc.	COMMON	872540109	97625	1512400	SH	SOLE
The Travelers Companies, Inc.	COMMON	89417E109	8876	150000	SH	SOLE
Towers Watson & Co. Class A	COMMON	891894107	12346	206000	SH	SOLE
United Technologies Corporation	COMMON	913017109	23754	325000	SH	SOLE
Visteon Corporation	COMMON	92839U206	13769	275713	SH	SOLE
Vodafone Group Plc ADR	COMMON	92857W209	10598	378100	SH	SOLE
Weatherford International Ltd.	COMMON	G95089101	30012	2050000	SH	SOLE
Waste Management, Inc.	COMMON	94106L109	20607	630000	SH	SOLE
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	COMMON	931142103	18705	313000	SH	SOLE
Xerox Corporation	COMMON	984121103	13134	1650000	SH	SOLE