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GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC  
Form N-Q  
October 20, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF  
REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-00041

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GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

450 Lexington Avenue, Suite 3300, New York, NY 10017-3911

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Eugene S. Stark  
General American Investors Company, Inc.  
450 Lexington Avenue, Suite 3300  
New York, NY 10017-3911  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-916-8400

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2006

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS September 30, 2006 (Unaudited)

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General American Investors

Shares COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS

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BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE (6.1%)

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2,350,862 CEMEX, S.A. de C.V. ADR (COST \$31,961,056)

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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES (5.8%)

775,000 American Tower Corporation (a)  
900,000 Cisco Systems, Inc. (a)  
350,000 Lamar Advertising Company Class A (a)

(COST \$37,774,748)

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COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SYSTEMS (2.4%)

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300,000	EMC Corporation (a)	
800,000	Microsoft Corporation	
133,500	VeriSign, Inc. (a)	
		(COST \$23,594,124)
CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES (3.9%)		
325,000	Constellation Brands, Inc. (a)	
350,000	Diageo plc ADR	
175,000	PepsiCo, Inc.	
		(COST \$30,465,286)
ELECTRONICS (1.6%)		
550,000	Molex Incorporated Class A	(COST \$12,287,441)
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (INCLUDING SERVICES) (4.1%)		
1,175,000	Republic Services, Inc.	(COST \$26,227,380)
FINANCE AND INSURANCE (29.1%)		
BANKING (9.5%)		
270,000	Bank of America Corporation	
585,000	Golden West Financial Corporation	
310,000	M&T Bank Corporation	
170,000	SunTrust Banks, Inc.	
		(COST \$17,349,061)
INSURANCE (18.2%)		
275,000	The Allstate Corporation	
375,000	American International Group, Inc.	
275,000	Annuity and Life Re (Holdings), Ltd. (a)	
350,000	Arch Capital Group Ltd. (a)	
400,000	AXIS Capital Holdings Limited	
300	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class A (a)	
535,000	Everest Re Group, Ltd.	
285,000	MetLife, Inc.	
335,000	PartnerRe Ltd.	
230,000	Transatlantic Holdings, Inc.	
		(COST \$89,814,045)
OTHER (1.4%)		
655,000	Annaly Capital Management, Inc.	
1,075,000	MFA Mortgage Investments, Inc.	
		(COST \$15,710,195)
		(COST \$122,873,301)

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 General American Investors

Shares	COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS (continued)	
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HEALTH CARE (10.9%)		
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PHARMACEUTICALS (9.1%)		
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240,000	Alkermes, Inc. (a)	
170,000	Biogen Idec Inc. (a)	
604,900	Cytokinetics, Incorporated (a)	
200,000	Genentech, Inc. (a)	
380,000	MedImmune, Inc. (a)	
180,000	Novo Nordisk B	
1,737,000	Pfizer Inc	
		(COST \$70,466,025)
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MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS AND DEVICES (1.8%)		
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450,000	Medtronic, Inc.	(COST \$10,483,716)
		(COST \$80,949,741)
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MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (1.3%)		
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1,150,000	ABB Ltd. ADR	(COST \$12,430,211)
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MISCELLANEOUS (4.8%)		
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	Other (b)	(COST \$56,033,547)
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OIL & NATURAL GAS (INCLUDING SERVICES) (17.2%)		
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825,000	Apache Corporation	
850,000	Halliburton Company	
1,000,000	Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.	
3,000,000	Talisman Energy Inc.	
1,220,000	Weatherford International Ltd. (a)	
		(COST \$148,725,073)
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RETAIL TRADE (17.8%)		
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700,000	Costco Wholesale Corporation	
1,599,000	Dollar General Corporation	
1,570,000	The Home Depot, Inc. (c)	
2,340,000	The TJX Companies, Inc.	
575,000	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	
		(COST \$77,737,018)
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SPECIAL HOLDING (a) (d) (0.0%)		
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546,000 Standard MEMS, Inc. Series A Convertible Preferred (COST \$3,003,000)

TECHNOLOGY (2.5%)

1,900,000 Xerox Corporation (a) (COST \$25,689,854)

TOTAL COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS (107.5%) (COST \$689,751,780)

Principal Amount CORPORATE NOTE

CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES (2.9%)

\$35,000,000 General Motors Nova Scotia Finance Company  
6.85% Guaranteed Notes due 10/15/08 (COST \$33,586,637)

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Principal Amount/  
Shares SHORT-TERM SECURITIES AND OTHER ASSETS

\$20,000,000 American General Finance Corporation note due 10/3/06; 5.22% (COST \$19,959,400)  
\$20,000,000 General Electric Finance Corporation note due 10/10/06; 5.20% (COST \$19,959,556)  
36,588,732 SSgA Prime Money Market Fund (COST \$36,588,732)

TOTAL SHORT-TERM SECURITIES (6.6%) (COST \$76,507,688)

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (e) (117.0%) (COST \$799,846,105)

Cash, receivables and other assets less liabilities (0.2%)

PREFERRED STOCK (-17.2%)

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK (100%)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

General American Investors

General American Investors Company, Inc. (the "Company"), established in 1927, is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a closed-end, diversified management investment company. It is internally managed by its officers under the direction of the Board of Directors.

1. SECURITY VALUATION

Securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the period. Securities reported on the NASDAQ national market are valued at the official closing price on that day. Listed and NASDAQ securities for which no sales are reported on that day

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and other securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the last bid price (asked price for open short positions) on the valuation date. Securities traded primarily in foreign markets are generally valued at the preceding closing price of such securities on their respective exchanges or markets. If, after the close of the foreign market, conditions change significantly, the price of certain foreign securities may be adjusted to reflect fair value as of the time of the valuation of the portfolio. Corporate discount notes are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. Investments in money market funds are valued at their net asset value. Special holdings (restricted securities) and other securities for which quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value determined in good faith pursuant to procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Board of Directors.

### ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Conclusions of principal officers concerning controls and procedures

(a) As of September 30, 2006, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the officers of General American Investors Company, Inc. (the "Registrant"), including the principal executive officer ("PEO") and principal financial officer ("PFO"), of the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Registrant's officers, including the PEO and PFO, concluded that, as of September 30, 2006, the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were reasonably designed so as to ensure: (1) that information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-Q is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (2) that material information relating to the Registrant is made known to the PEO and PFO as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) There have been no significant changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the Registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

### ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

The certifications of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 are attached hereto as Exhibit 99 CERT.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

General American Investors Company, Inc.

By: /s/ Eugene S. Stark  
Eugene S. Stark  
Vice-President, Administration

Date: October 20, 2006

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the

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Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Spencer Davidson  
Spencer Davidson  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: October 20, 2006

By: /s/ Eugene S. Stark  
Eugene S. Stark  
Vice-President, Administration  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: October 20, 2006