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

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Stark Eugene S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

(Check all applicable)

GENERAL AMERICAN

(Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2017

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

VP Administration/CCO/PFO

INVESTORS COMPANY, INC., 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH **FLOOR**

(Street)

(First)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10017

| (City) | y) (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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | 03/03/2017 | | P | 750 | A | \$ 25.79 | 8,250 | D (1) | | | |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | 03/03/2017 | | P | 250 | A | \$ 25.79 | 2,750 | I (2) | By Spouse | | |
| 5.95% Preferred Stock | | | | | | | 5,000 | D (3) | | | |

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Common 4,003 $D^{(3)}$ Stock

Common By Thrift $I^{(4)}$ 40,613 Stock Plan Trust

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | isable and | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of | 9 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|-------------|---|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transact | ionNumber | Expiration Date | | Amount of | Derivative |] | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | rlying | Security | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | J |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (| |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | J | |
| | | | | | (A) or Disposed | | | | | |] |
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| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (|
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | or | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Number | | |
| | | | | | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stark Eugene S GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, 100 PARK AVENUE - 35TH FLOOR

VP Administration/CCO/PFO

Signatures

NEW YORK, NY 10017

/s/ Eugene S. 03/03/2017 Stark

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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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 held by the undersigned in an IRA account.
- (2) Shares held by the undersigned's spouse in an IRA account.
- (3) Shares held in joint tenancy with spouse.
- (4) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.

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