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| . • | _ | STATES SECU | URITIES A | ND EXC | CHA | NGE (| COMMISS | ION | OMB Numb | er. 323 | 5-0362 |
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| to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES | | | | | | | | Estimated average burden hours per response 1.0 | | | |
| 1(b). | Filed pu Holdings Section 17 d | ersuant to Section (a) of the Public 30(h) of the | Utility Hold | ing Com | pany | Act | of 1935 or Se | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) 3. State (Month | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2016 | | | _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | fy | |
| | RBROOK EMENT CORP,Â REET, SUITE 250 | 122 E. | 72010 | | | | | | | | |
| | (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) | | | | | | |
| NEW YO | RK, NY 1016 | 8 | | | | | _X_ Form File Form File Person | | | ting Person One Reporting | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Ta | able I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Dispo | sed of, | or Bene | eficially Own | ied |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and | 6. Owner Form: Director Index (I) (Instr.) | ership : t (D) lirect | 7. Nature of Beneficial O (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Amount Â | (D) Â | Price Â | 4) 28,510 | I (1) | | Trustee/Be | eneficiary |
| 5.95% Series B | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 66,400 | I (1) | | Trustee/Be | eneficiary |

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Trustee

| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|-------|-------------------|
| 5.95% Series B Preferred | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 4,000 | I (2) | Trustee |
| Common Stock | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 8,108 | I (3) | Trust Beneficiary |

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) | | ate | 7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr. | int of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
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| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Kelationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| . 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| ALTSCHUL ARTHUR G JR | | | | | | | |
| C/O OVERBROOK MANAGEMENT CORP | â v | Â | â | â | | | |
| 122 E. 42ND STREET, SUITE 2500 | АЛ | A | A | A | | | |
| NEW YORK Â NYÂ 10168 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

Arthur G. Altschul, Jr.,
Director

**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) Director is a trustee and a beneficiary of various trusts.

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- (2) Directory is a trustee of various trusts. He disclaims any beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) Director is the beneficiary of a trust.

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