

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: September 30, 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 October 20, 2011

Report Type (Check only one.):

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FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

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Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0  
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| NAME OF ISSUER                  | TITLE OF CLASS | CUSIP     | VALUE<br>x\$1000 | SHARES/<br>PRN AMT | SH/<br>PRN | PUT/<br>CALL | INVSTMT<br>DSCRETN | MNGRS | SOLE |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------|------|
| Apple Inc.                      | COMMON         | 037833100 | 22879            | 60000              | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| ABB Ltd. ADR                    | COMMON         | 000375204 | 20496            | 1200000            | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Arch Capital Group Ltd.         | COMMON         | G0450A105 | 28591            | 875000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Adams Express Company           | COMMON         | 006212104 | 1227             | 133254             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Amgen Inc.                      | COMMON         | 031162100 | 2198             | 40000              | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.   | COMMON         | 02076X102 | 8274             | 467700             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Aon Corporation                 | COMMON         | 037389103 | 13874            | 330492             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Apache Corporation              | COMMON         | 037411105 | 23789            | 296478             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| ASML Holding N.V.               | COMMON         | N07059186 | 19861            | 575000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| American Express Company        | COMMON         | 025816109 | 14144            | 315000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class A | COMMON         | 084670108 | 11748            | 110                | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Celgene Corporation             | COMMON         | 151020104 | 10525            | 170000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Central Securities Corporation  | COMMON         | 155123102 | 723              | 36686              | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Canadian Natural Resources      | COMMON         | 136385101 | 8781             | 300000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Costco Wholesale Corporation    | COMMON         | 22160K105 | 32400            | 394500             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Cisco Systems, Inc.             | COMMON         | 17275R102 | 14880            | 960000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Cytokinetics, Incorporated      | COMMON         | 23282W100 | 620              | 529900             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Dell Inc.                       | COMMON         | 24702R101 | 14352            | 1015000            | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Diageo plc ADR                  | COMMON         | 25243Q205 | 26576            | 350000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Devon Energy Corporation        | COMMON         | 25179M103 | 7211             | 130062             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Epoch Holding Corporation       | COMMON         | 29428R103 | 22617            | 1666667            | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Ford Motor Company              | COMMON         | 345370860 | 12223            | 1264063            | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Freeport-McMoRan                | COMMON         | 35671D857 | 6090             | 200000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc.           | COMMON         | 375558103 | 21903            | 564500             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Halliburton Company             | COMMON         | 406216101 | 22890            | 750000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| International Game Technology   | COMMON         | 459902102 | 10898            | 750000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.            | COMMON         | 46625H100 | 15662            | 520000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.            | COMMON         | 46634E114 | 2095             | 225000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Kohl's Corporation              | COMMON         | 500255104 | 2455             | 50000              | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| MetLife, Inc.                   | COMMON         | 59156R108 | 9103             | 325000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| MSCI Inc. Class A               | COMMON         | 55354G100 | 7734             | 255000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Microsoft Corporation           | COMMON         | 594918104 | 19165            | 770000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| M&T Bank Corporation            | COMMON         | 55261F104 | 7689             | 110000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| The Manitowoc Company, Inc.     | COMMON         | 563571108 | 6039             | 900000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Nelnet, Inc.                    | COMMON         | 64031N108 | 12113            | 645000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Nucor Corporation               | COMMON         | 670346105 | 4746             | 150000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Poniard Pharmaceuticals, Inc.   | COMMON         | 732449301 | 24               | 195344             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| PepsiCo, Inc.                   | COMMON         | 713448108 | 20118            | 325000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| Pfizer Inc.                     | COMMON         | 717081103 | 13363            | 755808             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |
| PartnerRe Ltd.                  | COMMON         | G6852T105 | 14374            | 275000             | SH         |              |                    | SOLE  |      |

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| Platinum Underwriters           | COMMON | G7127P100 | 12300 | 400000  | SH | SOLE |
| QUALCOMM Incorporated           | COMMON | 747525103 | 34041 | 700000  | SH | SOLE |
| Everest Re Group, Ltd.          | COMMON | G3223R108 | 19448 | 245000  | SH | SOLE |
| Republic Services, Inc.         | COMMON | 760759100 | 26856 | 957100  | SH | SOLE |
| Royce Value Trust, Inc.         | COMMON | 780910105 | 1680  | 151605  | SH | SOLE |
| Teradata Corporation            | COMMON | 88076W103 | 19271 | 360000  | SH | SOLE |
| Target Corporation              | COMMON | 87612E106 | 22558 | 460000  | SH | SOLE |
| The TJX Companies, Inc.         | COMMON | 872540109 | 83893 | 1512400 | SH | SOLE |
| The Travelers Companies, Inc.   | COMMON | 89417E109 | 8771  | 180000  | SH | SOLE |
| Towers Watson & Co. Class A     | COMMON | 891894107 | 12315 | 206000  | SH | SOLE |
| United Technologies Corporation | COMMON | 913017109 | 22867 | 325000  | SH | SOLE |
| Visteon Corporation             | COMMON | 92839U206 | 11856 | 275713  | SH | SOLE |
| Vodafone Group Plc ADR          | COMMON | 92857W209 | 9702  | 378100  | SH | SOLE |
| Weatherford International Ltd.  | COMMON | G95089101 | 25031 | 2050000 | SH | SOLE |
| Waste Management, Inc.          | COMMON | 94106L109 | 20513 | 630000  | SH | SOLE |
| Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.           | COMMON | 931142103 | 17283 | 333000  | SH | SOLE |
| Xerox Corporation               | COMMON | 984121103 | 13243 | 1900000 | SH | SOLE |