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Form N-Q  
October 19, 2007

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

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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

(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, 2007

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS September 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

General American Investors

Shares	COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS	
AEROSPACE/DEFENSE (4.4%)		
509,800	Textron Inc.	
325,000	United Technologies Corporation	(COST \$47,844,103)
BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE (5.1%)		
2,280,483	CEMEX, S.A. de C.V. ADR	(COST \$31,628,612)
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES (8.3%)		
90,000	Avaya Inc. (a)	

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900,000	Cisco Systems, Inc. (a)
400,000	Lamar Advertising Company Class A (a)
800,000	QUALCOMM Incorporated
1,325,000	Sprint Nextel Corporation

(COST \$84,175,425)

### COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SYSTEMS (8.7%)

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700,000	Activision, Inc. (a)
1,550,000	Dell Inc. (a)
720,000	Microsoft Corporation
55,000	Nintendo Co., Ltd.
315,000	THQ Inc. (a)

(COST \$92,410,373)

### CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES (8.4%)

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350,000	Diageo plc ADR
300,000	Heineken N. V.
630,000	Hewitt Associates, Inc. Class A (a)
45,000	Nestle S.A.
250,000	PepsiCo, Inc.

(COST \$78,354,580)

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (INCLUDING SERVICES) (4.1%)

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881,500	Republic Services, Inc.
680,000	Waste Management, Inc.

(COST \$39,285,764)

### FINANCE AND INSURANCE (25.2%)

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#### BANKING (5.6%)

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200,000	Bank of America Corporation
300,000	M&T Bank Corporation
650,000	Wachovia Corporation

(COST \$14,094,309)

#### INSURANCE (16.3%)

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275,000	The Allstate Corporation
325,000	American International Group, Inc.
275,000	Annuity and Life Re (Holdings), Ltd. (a)
335,000	Arch Capital Group Ltd. (a)
365,000	AXIS Capital Holdings Limited
275	Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class A (a)
350,000	Everest Re Group, Ltd.
900,000	Fidelity National Financial, Inc.
250,000	MetLife, Inc.
310,000	PartnerRe Ltd.
155,000	Transatlantic Holdings, Inc.

(COST \$92,296,799)

### OTHER (3.3%)

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60,000	Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	
10,000	Epoch Holding Corporation Series A Convertible Preferred 4.6% ( d)	
925,000	Nelnet, Inc.	
		(COST \$34,359,009)
		(COST \$140,750,117)

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS September 30, 2007 (Unaudited) - continued

General American Investors

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Shares	COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS (continued)	
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HEALTH CARE / PHARMACEUTICALS (4.5%)		
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80,000	Alkermes, Inc. (a)	
100,000	Biogen Idec Inc. (a)	
604,900	Cytokinetics, Incorporated (a)	
200,000	Genentech, Inc. (a)	
275,000	Novo Nordisk B	
		(COST \$30,082,866)
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (2.0%)		
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1,000,000	ABB Ltd. ADR	(COST \$10,779,026)
METAL (1.5%)		
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150,500	Carpenter Technology Corporation	(COST \$18,726,632)
MISCELLANEOUS (4.2%)		
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	Other (b)	(COST \$60,137,934)
OIL & NATURAL GAS (INCLUDING SERVICES) (17.7%)		
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600,000	Apache Corporation	
800,000	Halliburton Company	
1,000,000	Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.	
3,000,000	Talisman Energy Inc.	
1,025,000	Weatherford International Ltd. (a)	
		(COST \$125,958,179)
RETAIL TRADE (14.5%)		
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575,000	Costco Wholesale Corporation	
1,278,000	The Home Depot, Inc. (c)	
533,000	Target Corporation	
2,100,000	The TJX Companies, Inc.	
470,000	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	
		(COST \$72,476,622)

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TECHNOLOGY (3.2%)

130,000	Intermec, Inc. (a)	
2,250,000	Xerox Corporation (a)	
		(COST \$34,820,215)

TRANSPORTATION (0.9%)

236,100	Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.	(COST \$11,005,032)
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TOTAL COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCKS (112.7%) (COST \$878,435,480)

Principal Amount CORPORATE NOTE

CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES (1.9%)

\$25,000,000	General Motors Nova Scotia Finance Company 6.85% Guaranteed Notes due 10/15/08	(COST \$24,359,180)
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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS September 30, 2007 (Unaudited) - continued

General American Investors

Shares	SHORT-TERM SECURITIES AND OTHER ASSETS		
7,641,647	SSgA Prime Money Market Fund (0.5%)	(COST \$7,641,647)	
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS (e) (115.1%)	(COST \$910,436,307)	1,5
	Liabilities in excess of cash, receivables and other assets (0.0%)		(2
	PREFERRED STOCK (-15.1%)		---
	NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON STOCK (100%)		\$1,3 ====

STATEMENT OF CALL OPTIONS WRITTEN September 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

General American Investors

Contracts (100 shares each)	COMMON STOCK/EXPIRATION DATE/EXERCISE PRICE	
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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES

446	Avaya Inc./January '08/\$17.50	(PREMIUMS RECEIVED \$23,085)
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(see notes to financial statements)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

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## 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 and other securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the last bid price (asked price for options written) 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. Investments in money market funds are valued at their net asset value. The restricted security is valued at par value (cost), divided by the conversion price of \$6.00 multiplied by the last reported sales price of the publicly traded common stock of the corporation.

### 2. OPTIONS

The Company may purchase and write (sell) put and call options. The risk associated with purchasing an option is that the Company pays a premium whether or not the option is exercised. Additionally, the Company bears the risk of loss of the premium and a change in market value should the counterparty not perform under the contract. Put and call options purchased are accounted for in the same manner as portfolio securities. Premiums received from writing options that expire unexercised are treated by the Company on the expiration date as realized gains from investments. The difference between the premium received and the amount paid on effecting a closing purchase transaction, including brokerage commissions, is also treated as a realized gain, or, if the premium is less than the amount paid for the closing purchase transaction, as a realized loss. If a call option is exercised, the premium is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security in determining whether the Company has realized a gain or loss. If a put option is exercised, the premium reduces the cost basis for the securities purchased by the Company. The Company as writer of an option bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security underlying the written option.

### ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Conclusions of principal officers concerning controls and procedures

(a) As of September 30, 2007, 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, 2007, 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

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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 19, 2007

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the 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 19, 2007

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

Date: October 19, 2007