#### AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC Form 13F-HR August 13, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 13F

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Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2009

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. One East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Name and Address of Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report)

Form 13F File Number: 28-4389

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.

> Robert H. Ruffing Vice President and Controller (513) 579-2144

(Name, Title and Phone Number of Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager)

Signature:

/s/Robert H. Ruffing

Cincinnati, Ohio August 12, 2009

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Robert H. Ruffing Vice President and Controller

Report Type:

- [X] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT.
- [ ] 13F NOTICE.
- [ ] 13F COMBINATION REPORT.

### FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Number of Other Included Managers:	2
Form 13F Information Table Entry Total:	61
Form 13F Information Table Value Total (thousands):	\$231,047

Name and 13F file numbers of all Institutional Investment Managers with respect to which this schedule is filed (other than American Financial Group, Inc.):

Number	13F File Number	Name of Subsidiary
1.	28-498	Great American Insurance Company
2.	Unassigned	Great American Life Insurance Company

#### FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE

Column 1: Name of Issuer	Column 2: Title of Class	Column 3: CUSIP	Market Value	Column 5: Shares or Principal Amount	Investment Discretion
HOLDINGS OF GREAT AMERICAN IN					
AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES AMERICAN RAILCAR INDS INC ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CP	COM COM	02916P 10 3 037347 10 1	562 901	70,250SH 68,000SH 125,000SH 205,800SH	Defined Defined
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION CALAMP CORP DELTA AIR LINES INC DEL DISH NETWORK CORP	COM COM NEW CL A	128126 10 9 247361 70 2 25470M 10 9	112 77	139,750SH	Defined Defined
ECHOSTAR CORP FLAGSTAR BANCORP INC FULL HOUSE RESORTS INC INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC	COM COM		112 171	165,000SH 75,171SH	Defined Defined
MYR GROUP INC DEL NATIONAL CITY CORP NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORP O CHARLEYS INC		55405W 10 4 635405 AW 3 63654U 10 0 670823 10 3	154 <b>,</b> 836	10,200,000SH	Defined
PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC REDDY ICE HLDGS INC TIME WARNER INC TORTOISE ENERGY CAP CORP	COM COM COM NEW	703481 10 1 75734R 10 5 887317 30 3	514 40 220	40,000SH	Defined Defined Defined
VIRGIN MEDIA INC				737,807SH	
HOLDINGS OF GREAT AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY					
AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES AMERICAN RAILCAR INDS INC ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CP	COM PAR \$0.01 COM COM	025195 40 5 02916P 10 3 037347 10 1	244	75,250SH 29,581SH 125,000SH	Defined
CALAMP CORP DELTA AIR LINES INC DEL DISH NETWORK CORP	COM COM NEW CL A	128126 10 9 247361 70 2 25470M 10 9	113	•	Defined Defined
ECHOSTAR CORP FLAGSTAR BANCORP INC FULL HOUSE RESORTS INC	CL A COM COM	278768 10 6 337930 10 1 359678 10 9	593 112	37,179SH 165,000SH 112,757SH	Defined Defined
INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC NATIONAL CITY CORP NUVEEN FLING RTE INCM OPP FD	COM NOTE 4.000% 2/0 COM SHS	45774W 10 8 635405 AW 3 6706EN 10 0	2,943 593	32,216SH 3,000PRN 78,300SH	Defined Defined
O CHARLEYS INC PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC	COM COM	670823 10 3 703481 10 1		20,256SH 40,000SH	

PIMCO HIGH INCOME FD REDDY ICE HLDGS INC TORTOISE ENERGY CAP CORP VIRGIN MEDIA INC	COM SHS COM COM COM	722014 10 7 75734R 10 5 89147U 10 0 92769L 10 1	31 1,538	18,650SH	Defined Defined Defined Defined
HOLDINGS OF OTHER ENTITIES EACH HAVING LESS THAN \$100 MILLION IN 13F SECURITIES					
ACE LTD	SHS	H0023R 10 5	2,786	63,000SH	Sole
AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES		025195 40 5	•	10,000SH	Defined
AMERICAN RAILCAR INDS INC	COM	02916P 10 3		38,000SH	Defined
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION	COM	060505 10 4	7,191	544,735SH	Defined
BERKLEY W R CORP	COM	084423 10 2	2,512	117,000SH	Sole
CHUBB CORP		171232 10 1	2,831	71,000SH	Sole
DELTA AIR LINES INC DEL	COM NEW	247361 70 2	27	4,727SH	Defined
EATON VANCE TAX MNG GBL DV E	COM	27829F 10 8	3 432	40,000SH	Defined
ING GLOBAL EQTY DIV & PREM O	COM	45684E 10 7	206	17,500SH	Defined
ISHARES TR	MSCI EAFE IDX	464287 46 5	1,970	43,000SH	Defined
ISHARES TR	DJ US TECH SEC	464287 72 1	912	20,500SH	Defined
MANAGED HIGH YIELD PLUS FD I	COM	561911 10 8	16	10,000SH	Defined
O CHARLEYS INC	COM	670823 10 3	226	24,398SH	Defined
POWERSHARES ETF TRUST	DYNAMIC MKT PT	73935X 10 4	804	24,400SH	Defined
POWERSHARES ETF TRUST	HI YLD EQ DVDN	73935X 30 2	129	21,300SH	Defined
REDDY ICE HLDGS INC	COM	75734R 10 5	132	79,881SH	Defined
SPDR TR	UNIT SER 1	78462F 10 3	4,046	44,000SH	Defined
SELECT SECTOR SPDR TR	SBI HEALTHCARE	81369Y 20 9	1,056	40,150SH	Defined
SELECT SECTOR SPDR TR	SBI CONS STPLS	81369Y 30 8	806	35,060SH	Defined
SELECT SECTOR SPDR TR	SBI CONS DISCR	81369Y 40 7	1,180	51,120SH	Defined
SELECT SECTOR SPDR TR	SBI INT-FINL	81369Y 60 5	717	60,000SH	Defined
SELECT SECTOR SPDR TR	SBI INT-UTILS	81369Y 88 6	209	7,500SH	Defined
VIRGIN MEDIA INC	COM	92769L 10 1	6,358	680,000SH	Defined

REPORT TOTAL \$231,047