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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 13F

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Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 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 February 11, 2010

Robert H. Ruffing

Vice President and Controller

Report Type:

[X] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT.

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[] 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):	\$260,616

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	CUSIP	Market Value (000's)	Column 5: Shares or Principal Amount	Discretion
HOLDINGS OF GREAT AMERICAN INS					
AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES			1,288	70,250SH	Defined
AMERICAN RAILCAR INDS INC		02916P 10 3		68,000SH	
ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CP	COM	037347 10 1	. 8/5	125,000SH	
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION		060505 10 4			
CALAMP CORP	COM COM NEW		481	139,750SH	
DELTA AIR LINES INC DEL DISH NETWORK CORP	CL A	247361 70 2 25470M 10 9		13,239SH	Defined Defined
ECHOSTAR CORP	CL A	278768 10 6	783 499	37,675SH 24,786SH	Defined
FLAGSTAR BANCORP INC			99	165,000SH	Defined
FULL HOUSE RESORTS INC				36,661SH	
INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC				24,609SH	
INTERSTATE HOTELS & RESRTS I	COM	46088S 10 6	156	70,987SH	Defined
MYR GROUP INC DEL	COM	55405W 10 4	6,950	70,987SH 384,615SH	Defined
NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORP	COM	63654U 10 0	172,992	10,200,000SH	
O CHARLEYS INC	COM	670823 10 3	193	29,500SH	Defined
OMEROS CORP	COM	682143 10 2	716	102,040SH	Defined
PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC	COM	703481 10 1	614	40,000SH 24,500SH	Defined
REDDY ICE HLDGS INC	COM	75734R 10 5	105	24,500SH	Defined
TIME WARNER INC	COM NEW				
TORTOISE ENERGY CAP CORP				25,800SH	
VIRGIN MEDIA INC	COM	92769L 10 1	12,417	737,807SH	Defined
HOLDINGS OF GREAT AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY					
	COM PAR \$0.01			75 , 250SH	Defined
AMERICAN RAILCAR INDS INC	COM	02916P 10 3		29,581SH	
ANWORTH MORTGAGE ASSET CP	COM	037347 10 1			
CIT GROUP INC	COM NEW	125581 80 1		30,272SH	
CALAMP CORP	COM	128126 10 9		140,750SH	
DELTA AIR LINES INC DEL	COM NEW	247361 70 2		10,370SH	
DISH NETWORK CORP	CL A	25470M 10 9		56,512SH	
ECHOSTAR CORP	CL A	278768 10 6		37,179SH	
FLAGSTAR BANCORP INC	COM	337930 10 1		165,000SH	
FULL HOUSE RESORTS INC INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC	COM	359678 10 9		41,767SH	
INTERSTATE HOTELS & RESRTS I	COM COM	45774W 10 8 46088S 10 6		22,216SH 106,481SH	
NUVEEN FLING RIE INCM OPP FD	COM SHS	6706EN 10 0		78,300SH	
O CHARLEYS INC	COM SHS	670823 10 3		20,256SH	

OMEROS CORP PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC PIMCO HIGH INCOME FD REDDY ICE HLDGS INC TORTOISE ENERGY CAP CORP VIRGIN MEDIA INC	COM COM COM SHS COM COM COM	682143 10 2 703481 10 1 722014 10 7 75734R 10 5 89147U 10 0 92769L 10 1	1,332 80 1,965	153,061SH 40,000SH 122,800SH 18,650SH 85,900SH 482,588SH	Defined Defined Defined Defined Defined Defined
HOLDINGS OF OTHER ENTITIES EACH HAVING LESS THAN \$100 MILLION IN 13F SECURITIES					
ACE LTD	SHS	H0023R 10 5		63,000SH	Sole
AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES	COM PAR \$0.01	025195 40 5	183	10,000SH	Defined
AMERICAN RAILCAR INDS INC	COM	02916P 10 3	419	38,000SH	Defined
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION	COM	060505 10 4	4,871	323,480SH	Defined
BERKLEY W R CORP	COM	084423 10 2	2,883	117,000SH	Sole
CIT GROUP INC	COM NEW	125581 80 1	316	11,458SH	Defined
CHUBB CORP	COM	171232 10 1	3,492	71,000SH	Sole
DELTA AIR LINES INC DEL	COM NEW	247361 70 2	55	4,727SH	Defined
EATON VANCE TAX MNG GBL DV E	COM	27829F 10 8	493	40,000SH	Defined
ISHARES TR INDEX	MSCI EAFE IDX	464287 46 5	2,377	43,000SH	Defined
KEYCORP NEW	COM	493267 10 8	373	67,222SH	Defined
MANAGED HIGH YIELD PLUS FD I	COM	561911 10 8	20	10,000SH	Defined
O CHARLEYS INC	COM	670823 10 3	160	24,398SH	Defined
POWERSHARES ETF TRUST	DYNAMIC MKT PT	73935X 10 4	928	24,400SH	Defined
POWERSHARES ETF TRUST	HI YLD EQ DVDN	73935X 30 2	163	21,300SH	Defined
REDDY ICE HLDGS INC	COM	75734R 10 5	343	79,881SH	Defined
SPDR TR	UNIT SER 1	78462F 10 3	4,903	44,000SH	Defined
SELECT SECTOR SPDR TR	SBI CONS STPLS	81369Y 30 8	928	35,060SH	Defined
SELECT SECTOR SPDR TR	SBI INT-UTILS	81369Y 88 6	233	7,500SH	Defined
VIRGIN MEDIA INC	COM	92769L 10 1	11,445	680,000SH	Defined

REPORT TOTAL \$260,616 =======