HERDER C EDWARD
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HERDER C EDWARD**	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP INC [SIGI]**	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/12/2005	__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
40 WANTAGE AVENUE (Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
BRANCHVILLE, NJ 07890 (City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/12/2005		M		3,000	A	$ 18.3125	64,730	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		G	V	400	D	$ 0	64,330	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S		3,000	D	$ 45.5	61,330	D	
Common Stock								13,495	I	By wife
Common Stock								4,800	I	By Hand Income Trust

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| Common Stock | 05/13/2005 | | G | V | 400 | A | $ 0 | 400 | I | C. Edward Herder & Gloria Herder Foundation, Inc. |
| Common Stock | 05/13/2005 | | S | | 400 | D | $ 45.5 | 0 | I | C. Edward Herder & Gloria Herder Foundation, Inc. |

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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. D S (I
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	$ 18.3125	05/12/2005		M			3,000	03/01/1997	03/01/2006	Common Stock	3,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HERDER C EDWARD 40 WANTAGE AVENUE BRANCHVILLE, NJ 07890	X			

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Signatures

C. Edward Herder	05/13/2005
**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).

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