

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

FORM SC 13G (Statement of Ownership)

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Symbol	DG
SIC Code	5331 - Retail-Variety Stores
Industry	Discount Stores
Sector	Consumer Cyclical
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)*

DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

256669 10 2

(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement____. (A fee is not required only if the filing person:
(1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in

Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

the information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 256669 10 2 13G

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON - James Stephen Turner, SS# 405-62-0986 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.: 61-6138259

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)____(b)____

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

221,712 See Note 1.

6. SHARES VOTING POWER

12,832,118 See Note 1.

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

221,712 See Note 1.

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

12,832,118 See Note 1.

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

13,053,830 See Note 1.

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW 9 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES X

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

15.36%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON - IN

SCHEDULE 13G

Item 1(a)	Name of Issuer:	Dollar General Corporation
Item 1(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:	104 Woodmont Blvd. Suite 500 Nashville, TN 37205
Item 2(a)	Name of Person Filing:	James Stephen Turner 104 Woodmont Blvd., Suite 500 Nashville, TN 37205
Item 2(b)	Address of Principal Business Office:	Butler's Run 138 Second Ave., Suite 500 Nashville, TN 37201
Item 2(c)	Citizenship:	United States of America
Item 2(d)	Title of Class of Securities:	Common Stock,, \$.50 par Value (the "Shares")
Item 2(e)	CUSIP Number:	25669-10-2
Item 3	If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a: Not applicable.	
Item 4	Ownership:	
(a)	Amount Beneficially Owned: 13,053,830 See Note 1.	
(b)	Percent of Class: 15.36%	
(c)	Number of Shares As to Which Such Person Has:	
	(I) sole power to vote or direct the vote: 221,712 See Note 1.	
	(ii) shares power to vote or direct the vote: 12,832,118 See Note 1.	
	(iii)sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 221,712 See Note 1.	
	(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 12,832,118 See Note 1.	
Item 5	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class: Not applicable	
Item 6	Ownership of More than Five Percent of Behalf of Another Person: The Turner Children Trust dated January 21, 1980 on an as converted basis is a beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding Common Stock.	

- Item 7 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:
Not applicable
- Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:
Not applicable
- Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group: Not applicable
- Item 10 Certification: Not applicable.
- Note 1: The Company's Common Stock is the only equity security

registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. However, in addition to the shares of Common Stock reflected, the Company has a second class of equity securities issued and authorized as the Series A Junior Convertible Preferred Stock, no par value (the "Series A Preferred Stock). The Series A Preferred Stock is (i) convertible into Common Stock pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Restated Articles of Incorporation and (ii) is voted (on an as converted basis) with the Common Stock on all matters presented to the holders of Common Stock. As originally issued, each share of Series A Preferred Stock had five votes when voted with the Common Stock, subject to the prior stock splits effected as stock dividends, each share currently has 7.81 votes per share. Mr. Turner is deemed to beneficially own (I) 1,613,742 shares of Series A Preferred Stock as a result of his capacity as Co-Trustee of the 1980 Turner Children Trust dated January 21, 1980, for which he has shared dispositive and voting power and (ii) 29,295 shares of Series A Preferred Stock as a result of his capacity as Co-Trustee of the Turner Foundation for Lindsey Wilson College, Inc., for which he has shared dispositive and voting power. The shares of Common Stock represented above assumes conversion of all shares of Series A Junior Convertible Preferred Stock.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

By: s: James Stephen Turner February 13, 1997

End of Filing

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