DOLLAR GENERAL CORP
Reported by
TURNER JAMES STEPHEN

FORM 5
(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 03/19/01 for the Period Ending 03/19/01

Address	100 MISSION RIDGE
	GOODLETTSVILLE, TN, 37072
Telephone	6158554000
CIK	0000029534
Symbol	DG
SIC Code	5331 - Retail-Variety Stores
Industry	Discount Stores
Sector	Consumer Cyclicals
Fiscal Year	02/02

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Telephone	615-855-4000
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Industry	Retail (Specialty)
Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	01/31

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

[_] Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

[_] Form 3 Holdings Reported

[_] Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Turner, James S.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 Mission Ridge

(Street)

Goodlettsville, TN 37072

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Dollar General Corporation DG

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

January 2001

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

[_] Director [X] 10% Owner
[_] Officer (give title below) [_] Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing
(Check applicable line)

[X] Form filed by one Reporting Person
[_] Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock						1,531,180	D	
Common Stock						82	D	COTTEE CTS BT
Common Stock						1,293,620	I	COTTEE HCT TR
Common Stock						1,881,036	I	COTTEE LJTD TR
Common Stock						1,881,513	I	COTTEE ECT TR
Common Stock						272,779	I	COTTEE DUGAS TR
Common Stock						50,065,030	I	COTTEE TCT
Common Stock						98,058	I	COTTEE LWC FDN

* If the form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Print or Type Responses)

(Over)

(Form 5-07/99)

FORM 5 (continued)

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable / Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Title / Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

James S. Turner	3/19/2001
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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