

NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST INC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1 )\***

NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

common stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

649604 10 5

(CUSIP Number)

Steven B. Schnall

David A. Akre

New York Mortgage Trust, Inc.

1301 Avenue of the Americas

New York, New York 10019

(212) 634-9400

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications)

February 22, 2005

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

**1** Mr. Steven B. Schnall

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

**2**  
(a)  p  
(b)  o

SEC USE ONLY:

**3**

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

**4**  
OO

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e):

**5**  
 o

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

**6**  
United States

SOLE VOTING POWER:

**7**

NUMBER OF 1,768,583

SHARED VOTING POWER:

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY **8** 458,043

EACH REPORTING PERSON	<b>9</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:  1,768,583
WITH	<b>10</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:  458,043

**11** AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:  
  
2,226,626

**12** CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
  
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**13** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):  
  
12.2%

**14** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
  
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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

**1** Steven B. Schnall Annuity Trust U/A March 25, 2004

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

516-55-6175

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

**2**  
(a)   
(b)

SEC USE ONLY:

**3**

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

**4**  
OO

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e):

**5**

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

**6**  
Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER:

**7**  
NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER:

SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY **8**  
OWNED BY 458,043

EACH REPORTING PERSON	<b>9</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:  0
WITH	<b>10</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:  458,043

**11** AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:  
  
458,043

**12** CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
  
o

**13** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):  
  
2.5%

**14** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
  
OO

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#### ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

This statement related to shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Shares ), of New York Mortgage Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the Issuer ). The principal executive office of the Issuer is located at 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

#### ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

- (a) This statement is being filed by Steven B. Schnall ( Schnall ) and the Steven B. Schnall Annuity Trust U/A March 25, 2004 (the Schnall Trust ) (Schnall and the Schnall Trust collectively, the Reporting Persons ).
- (b) (c), (f) Schnall s present principal occupation is President, Co- Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of New York Mortgage Trust, Inc., and the principal business where such employment is conducted is 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019. Schnall is a citizen of the United States. The Schnall Trust is a Delaware trust whose business address is 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.
- (d) During the last five years, no Reporting Person has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- (e) During the last five years, no Reporting Person has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction in which the Reporting Person was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

#### ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

On June 29, 2004, Schnall acquired 1,458,875 shares directly and 466,125 shares indirectly through the Schnall Trust as consideration for the contribution of Schnall s and the Schnall Trust s ownership interests in The New York Mortgage Company, LLC to the Issuer. On June 29, 2004, the Issuer issued 71,352 shares of restricted stock to Schnall pursuant to the Issuer s 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. No consideration was paid for these shares. On June 29, 2004, the Issuer awarded 123,550 stock options to Schnall pursuant to the Issuer s 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. No consideration was paid for these options. The options have an exercise price of \$9.00 per share. On June 29, 2004, Steven B. Schnall purchased and acquired 140,000 shares for cash through the Issuer s directed share program at \$8.37 per share. On June 29, 2004, Steven B. Schnall purchased and acquired 100 shares for cash at \$8.75 per share through an open market purchase.

Pursuant to a contribution agreement, Schnall forfeited 25,294 Shares owned directly and 8,082 Shares owned indirectly through the Schnall Trust for estimated minimum losses Issuer incurred as a result of defaults on residential mortgage loans originated by NYMC and closed prior to June 29, 2004.

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**ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION**

On June 29, 2004, Schnall acquired 1,458,875 shares directly and 466,125 shares indirectly through the Schnall Trust as consideration for the contribution of Schnall's and the Schnall Trust's ownership interests in The New York Mortgage Company, LLC to the Issuer. On June 29, 2004, the Issuer issued 71,352 shares of restricted stock to Schnall pursuant to the Issuer's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. On June 29, 2004, the Issuer awarded 123,550 stock options to Schnall pursuant to the Issuer's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. On June 29, 2004, Schnall purchased and acquired 140,000 shares through the Issuer's directed share program. On June 29, 2004, Schnall purchased and acquired 100 shares through an open market purchase. Both Schnall and the Schnall Trust acquired the shares set forth above for investment purposes and not with a view to, or for resale in connection with, any distribution thereof, and the Reporting Persons do not have a present intention of selling, granting any participation in, or otherwise distributing the acquired shares set forth above. Both Schnall and the Schnall Trust presently have no plan or proposal which relate to or would result in any of the events described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

**ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER**

(a) As of February 22, 2005, Schnall was the record and beneficial owner of 2,226,626 Shares representing 12.2% of the issued and outstanding Shares of the Issuer. As of February 22, 2005, the Schnall Trust was the record and beneficial owner of 458,043 Shares representing 2.5% of the issued and outstanding Shares of the Issuer.

(b) Schnall has the sole power to vote and to dispose of 1,768,583 Shares. Schnall has shared voting power and shared dispositive power over 458,043 Shares. The Schnall Trust has the sole power to vote and to dispose of 0 Shares. The Schnall Trust has shared voting power and shared dispositive power over 458,043 Shares.

(c) (e) Not applicable.

**ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER**

Pursuant to a contribution agreement, Schnall owns 27,756 Shares that are presently directly and 8,868 Shares indirectly through the Schnall Trust held in escrow to satisfy any indemnification claims the Issuer may have against the contributors of the NYMC membership interests under the contribution agreement during the escrow period for losses incurred by the Issuer as a result of defaults on residential mortgage loans originated by NYMC and closed prior to June 29, 2004. The escrow period for these shares will run through December 31, 2006 or the date upon which all indemnification claims have been satisfied, whichever occurs first.

**ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 99.1 Joint Filing Agreement

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of each of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, each certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: February 14, 2006

REPORTING PERSONS:

/s/ STEVEN B. SCHNALL

STEVEN B. SCHNALL

STEVEN B. SCHNALL ANNUITY  
TRUST U/A MARCH 25, 2004

By: /s/ STEVEN B. SCHNALL

Name:

Steven B. Schnall

Its: Trustee