

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 Williams, Karen Hastie  
 2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W.  
 Apt. 1404  
 Washington,, DC 20037
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)  
 December 9, 1997
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Gannett Co., Inc.  
 ("GCI")
5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	0	D	

Table II -- Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership: Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Explanation of Responses:  
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 /s/ Karen Hastie Williams