U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
FORM 5
ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
( ) Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).
( ) Form 3 Holdings Reported
( ) Form 4 Transactions Reported
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Williams, Karen Hastie
Gannett Co., Inc.
1100 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22234
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Gannett Co., Inc.
("GCI") 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
3. IKS OF SOCIAL Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
December 31, 1997
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)

1. Title of Security	2.  3.  4.Securities Acquired (A)  Transaction  or Disposed of (D)					5.Amount of	6.Dir  7.Nature of Indirect
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Explanation of Responses: SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ Karen Hastie Williams