

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0104

Estimated average burden

hours per response: 0.5

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Williams John A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE (Street) MCLEAN VA 22107 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI] 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Pres - Gannett Digital	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
---	--	---	---

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,004	D	
Common Stock	2,579.06	I	By 401(k)

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Phantom Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,389.829	(2)	D	
Restricted Stock Units	12/09/2009	12/09/2009	Common Stock	1,000	(3)	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	12/09/2007	Common Stock	5,600	59.5	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	12/08/2008	Common Stock	8,260	65	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	12/07/2009	Common Stock	9,000	74.5	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(7)	07/24/2010	Common Stock	4,700	56.25	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(8)	12/05/2010	Common Stock	7,500	54.31	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/04/2001	12/04/2011	Common Stock	1,700	69.35	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(9)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	14,000	69.35	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(10)	12/03/2012	Common Stock	13,000	70.21	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(11)	12/03/2012	Common Stock	3,500	77.28	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(12)	12/12/2013	Common Stock	14,000	87.33	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/28/2005	12/10/2012	Common Stock	14,500	80.9	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(13)	12/09/2013	Common Stock	30,500	60.29	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares of phantom stock are payable in cash or stock, at the election of the reporting person, on various dates selected by the reporting person or as otherwise provided in the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan.
2. Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock.
3. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the underlying common stock.
4. The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 9, 1998.
5. The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 8, 1999.
6. The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 7, 2000.
7. The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on July 24, 2001.
8. The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 5, 2001.
9. The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 4, 2002.
10. The option vested as to 9,750 shares in three equal annual installments beginning on December 3, 2003, and will vest as to the remaining 3,250 shares on December 3, 2006.
11. The option vested as to 2,625 shares in three equal annual installments beginning on December 3, 2003, and will vest as to the remaining 875 shares on December 3, 2006.
12. The option vested as to 3,500 shares on December 12, 2004, and vested as to the remaining 10,500 shares on December 23, 2004.
13. The option will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on December 9, 2006.

Remarks:

/s/ Todd A. Mayman, Attorney-
in-Fact 01/23/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** 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 is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CONSTITUTES AND APPOINTS EACH OF THOMAS L. CHAPPLE, BARBARA W. WALL AND TODD A. MAYMAN, SIGNING SINGLY, THE UNDERSIGNED'S TRUE AND LAWFUL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT TO:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Gannett Co., Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144 in accordance with the Securities laws of the United States and the rules thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms and timely file such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or other authority where such filing is required; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the 15th day of January, 2006.

/s/ John A. Williams
John A. Williams

WITNESS: /s/ Todd A. Mayman
Todd A. Mayman