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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Williams John A | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction   | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |  |
|   | (Month/Day/Year)  | Director 10% Owner  |  |  |  |
| GANNETT CO., INC., 7950 JONES<br>BRANCH DRIVE             | 11/02/2009  | X_ Officer (give title Other (specification)  Pres - Gannett Digital                          |  |  |  |
| (Street)  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check   |  |  |  |
| MCLEAN, VA 22107  | Filed(Month/Day/Year)   | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting |  |  |  |
| WELLAN, VA 22107  |   | Person  |  |  |  |

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| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tabl  | e I - Non-D                            | erivative Se                            | ecuriti | ies Acqu   | ired, Disposed of  | , or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securitie n(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4) | osed o  | of (D)     | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 11/02/2009                              |   | M                                      | 13.1737                                 | A       | <u>(1)</u> | 3,787.1737   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 11/02/2009                              |   | D                                      | 13.1737                                 | D       | \$<br>9.76 | 3,774  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |   |  |   |         |            | 7,875.902  | I  | By 401(k)<br>Plan   |

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

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6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |         | Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------|
|                                      |   |                  |   | Code V                           | (A)  | (D)     | Date<br>Exercisable                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                  | Amount<br>Number<br>Shares |
| Phantom<br>Stock                     | <u>(1)</u>  | 11/02/2009       |   | M                                |  | 13.1737 | 11/02/2009                          | 11/02/2009         | Common<br>Stock                        | 13.173                     |

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Williams John A

1. Title of

GANNETT CO., INC.

Pres - Gannett Digital 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE

MCLEAN, VA 22107

## **Signatures**

/s/ Todd A. Mayman, 11/04/2009 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Gannett Common Stock. The reporting person settled his shares **(1)** of phantom stock for cash.

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