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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC  
Form 13F-HR  
May 14, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 13F

Form 13F COVER PAGE

Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: March 31, 2004

Check here if Amendment ; Amendment Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
This Amendment (Check only one.):  is a restatement.  
 adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: Berkshire Hathaway Inc.  
Address: 1440 Kiewit Plaza  
Omaha, NE 68131

Form 13F File Number: 28- 4545

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Marc D. Hamburg  
Title: Vice President  
Phone: 402-346-1400

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

(s) Marc D. Hamburg ----- [Signature]	Omaha, NE ----- [City, State]	May 14, 2004 ----- [Date]
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Report Type (Check only one.):

- 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)
- 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:

Form 13F File Number	Name
28- 5194	General Re - New England Asset Management, Inc.

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Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers:	17
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Form 13F Information Table Entry Total:	61
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Form 13F Information Table Value Total:	\$ 35,802,150
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	(thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

[If there are no entries in this list, state "NONE" and omit the column headings and list entries.]

NO.	FORM 13F FILE NUMBER	NAME
1.	28-5678	Berkshire Hathaway Life Insurance Co. of Nebraska
2.	28-	BH Columbia Inc.
3.	28-5676	BHG Life Insurance Co.
4.	28-719	Blue Chip Stamps
5.	28-554	Buffett, Warren E.
6.	28-1517	Columbia Insurance Co.
7.	28-2226	Cornhusker Casualty Co.
8.	28-852	GEICO Corp.
9.	28-101	Government Employees Ins. Corp.
10.	28-1066	National Fire & Marine
11.	28-718	National Indemnity Co.
12.	28-5006	National Liability & Fire Ins. Co.
13.	28-717	OBH Inc.
14.	28-2740	Plaza Investment Managers
15.	28-1357	Wesco Financial Corp.
16.	28-3091	Wesco Financial Ins. Co.
17.	28-3105	Wesco Holdings Midwest, Inc.

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Column 1 Name of Issuer	2 Title of Class	Column 3 CUSIP Number	Column 4 Market Value (In Thousands)	Column 5 Shares or Principal Amount \$	(a) Sole	(b) Shared- Defined	(c) Shared- Other	Column Other Mana
American Express Co.	Com	025816 10 9	893,137	17,225,400		X		5, 2, 6, 1
			414,522	7,994,634		X		5, 10, 13
			6,235,267	120,255,879		X		5, 11, 13
			100,750	1,943,100		X		5, 4, 13,
			217,339	4,191,687		X		5, 13
American Standard Companies	Com	029712 10 6	367,640	3,232,000		X		5, 8, 9, 1
Block H & R	Com	093671 10 5	732,311	14,350,600		X		5, 11, 13
Coca Cola	Com	191216 10 0	90,138	1,792,000		X		5, 13
			89,333	1,776,000		X		5, 12, 13
			362,442	7,205,600		X		5, 4, 13,
			2,019,122	40,141,600		X		5, 2, 6, 1
			7,039,264	139,945,600		X		5, 11, 13
			459,702	9,139,200		X		5, 10, 13
Comdisco Holding Co.	Com	200334 10 0	43,645	1,179,592		X		5, 11, 13
			10,847	293,169		X		5, 2, 6, 1
			617	16,669		X		5, 10, 13
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Com	22160K 10 5	197,603	5,254,000		X		5, 11, 13
First Data Corporation	Com	319963 10 4	337,280	8,000,000		X		5, 8, 9, 1
Gannett Inc.	Com	364730 10 1	304,664	3,456,600		X		5, 11, 13
Gap Inc.	Com	364760 10 8	328,800	15,000,000		X		5, 8, 9, 1
The Gillette Co.	Com	375766 10 2	2,346,000	60,000,000		X		5, 11, 13
			813,280	20,800,000		X		5, 2, 6, 1
			250,240	6,400,000		X		5, 10, 13
			250,240	6,400,000		X		5, 4, 13,
			31,280	800,000		X		5, 12, 13
			62,560	1,600,000		X		5, 13
HCA Inc.	Com	404119 10 9	406,200	10,000,000		X		5, 8, 9, 1
			181,835	4,476,500		X		5, 2, 6, 1
			40,620	1,000,000		X		5, 13
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			24,626,678					
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Iron Mountain								

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Inc.	Com	462846	10 6	223,976	5,018,500	X	5, 8, 9, 11,
M & T Bank Corporation	Com	55261F	10 4	538,836	5,997,060	X	5 11, 13
				49,058	546,000	X	5, 8, 9, 11,
				14,888	165,700	X	5, 10, 13
Moody's	Com	615369	10 5	1,142,733	16,140,300	X	5, 11, 13
				556,467	7,859,700	X	5, 8, 9, 11,
Mueller Industries	Com	624756	10 2	83,170	2,446,900	X	5, 11, 13
Nike Inc.	Com	654106	10 3	467,220	6,000,000	X	5, 8, 9, 11,
Outback Steakhouse Inc.	Com	689899	10 2	88,576	1,818,800	X	5, 8, 9, 11,
Petrochina Co LTD	ADR	71646E	10 0	3,725	72,900	X	5, 11, 13
				29,950	586,100	X	5, 8, 9, 11,
Sealed Air Corporation	Com	81211K	10 0	55,867	1,123,800	X	5, 11, 13
Shaw Communi-cations Inc.	Cl B	82028K	20 0	359,260	22,000,000	X	5, 8, 9, 11,
Sun Trusts Banks Inc.	Com	867914	10 3	344,807	4,946,300	X	5, 11, 13
				59,951	860,000	X	5, 2, 6, 13
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027	10 4	4,171	77,551	X	5, 1, 11, 13
				24,191	449,728	X	5, 2, 6, 13
				41,482	771,200	X	5, 11, 13
				34,409	639,700	X	5, 10, 13
USG Corporation	Com	903293	40 5	113,685	6,500,000	X	5, 11, 13
Washington Post Co.	Cl B	939640	10 8	790,931	894,304	X	5, 11, 13
				131,168	148,311	X	5, 1, 3, 7,
				573,244	648,165	X	5, 10, 13
				32,710	36,985	X	5, 12, 13
Wells Fargo & Co. Del	Com	949746	10 1	731,190	12,902,590	X	5, 2, 6, 13
				57,894	1,021,600	X	5, 4, 13, 15
				6,855	120,970	X	5, 10, 13
				78,998	1,394,000	X	5, 12, 13
				147,617	2,604,860	X	5, 13
				2,176,375	38,404,360	X	5, 11, 13
Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817	10 6	2,207,095	5,703,087	X	5, 4, 13
Zenith National Ins. Corp.	Com	989390	10 9	4,973	126,855	X	5, 11, 13
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				11,175,472			
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GRAND TOTAL				\$35,802,150			
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