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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC  
Form 13F-HR  
February 17, 2004

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

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 2003

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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                              Omaha, NE                              February 13, 2004  
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[Signature]    [City, State]    [Date]

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).)
- [X] 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:

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General Re - New England Asset Management, Inc.

Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers:	17
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Form 13F Information Table Entry Total:	64
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Form 13F Information Table Value Total:	\$ 34,868,757
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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	Column 2 Title of Class	Column 3 CUSIP Number	Column 4 Market Value (In Thousands)	Column 5 Shares or Principal Amount \$	Investment Di (a) Sole	(b) Shared-Defined
American Express Co.	Com	025816 10 9	830,781	17,225,400	X	
			385,581	7,994,634	X	
			5,799,941	120,255,879	X	
			93,716	1,943,100	X	
			202,165	4,191,687	X	
American Standard Companies	Com	029712 10 6	325,462	3,232,000	X	
Automatic Data Processing	Com	053015 10 3	56,076	1,415,700	X	
Block H & R	Com	093671 10 5	809,006	14,610,900	X	
Cadbury Schweppes & PLC	ADR	127209 30 2	73,311	10,000,000	X	
Coca Cola	Com	191216 10 0	90,944	1,792,000	X	
			90,132	1,776,000	X	
			365,684	7,205,600	X	
			2,037,186	40,141,600	X	
			7,102,239	139,945,600	X	
Comdisco Holding Co.	Com	200334 10 0	463,814	9,139,200	X	
			47,184	1,179,592	X	
			11,726	293,153	X	
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Com	22160K 10 5	667	16,669	X	
			195,344	5,254,000	X	
Dover Corp.	Com	260003 10 8	79,500	2,000,000	X	
First Data Corporation	Com	319963 10 4	328,720	8,000,000	X	
Gannett Inc.	Com	364730 10 1	308,190	3,456,600	X	
Gap Inc.	Com	364760 10 8	348,150	15,000,000	X	
			2,203,800	60,000,000	X	
The Gillette Co.	Com	375766 10 2	763,984	20,800,000	X	
			235,072	6,400,000	X	
			235,072	6,400,000	X	
			29,384	800,000	X	
			58,768	1,600,000	X	
HCA Inc.	Com	404119 10 9	429,600	10,000,000	X	
			192,310	4,476,500	X	
			42,960	1,000,000	X	
			24,236,469			

Column 1 Name of Issuer	Column 7 Other Managers	Column 8 Voting Authority		
		(a) Sole	(b) Shared	(c) None
American Express Co.	5, 2, 6, 13	17,225,400		
	5, 10, 13	7,994,634		
	5, 11, 13	120,255,879		
	5, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17	1,943,100		
	5, 13	4,191,687		
American Standard Companies	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	3,232,000		
Automatic Data Processing	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	1,415,700		
Block H & R	5, 11, 13	14,610,900		
Cadbury Schweppes & PLC	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	10,000,000		
Coca Cola	5, 13	1,792,000		
	5, 12, 13	1,776,000		

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	5, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17	7,205,600
	5, 2, 6, 13	40,141,600
	5, 11, 13	139,945,600
	5, 10, 13	9,139,200
Comdisco Holding Co.	5, 11, 13	1,179,592
	5, 2, 6, 13	293,153
	5, 10, 13	16,669
Costco Wholesale Corp.	5, 11, 13	5,254,000
Dover Corp.	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	2,000,000
First Data Corporation	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	8,000,000
Gannett Inc.	5, 11, 13	3,456,600
Gap Inc.	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	15,000,000
The Gillette Co.	5, 11, 13	60,000,000
	5, 2, 6, 13	20,800,000
	5, 10, 13	6,400,000
	5, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17	6,400,000
	5, 12, 13	800,000
	5, 13	1,600,000
HCA Inc.	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	10,000,000
	5, 2, 6, 13	4,476,500
	5, 13	1,000,000

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Column 1 Name of Issuer	Column 2 Title of Class	Column 3 CUSIP Number	Column 4 Market Value (In Thousands)	Column 5 Shares or Principal Amount \$	Column 6 Investment Disposition (a) Sole (b) Shared-Defined
Iron Mountain Inc.	Com	462846 10 6	198,431	5,018,500	X
M & T Bank Corporation	Com	55261F 10 4	589,511	5,997,060	X
			53,672	546,000	X
			16,288	165,700	X
Moody's	Com	615369 10 5	977,295	16,140,300	X
			475,905	7,859,700	X
Mueller Industries	Com	624756 10 2	84,075	2,446,900	X
Nike Inc.	Com	654106 10 3	410,760	6,000,000	X
Outback Steakhouse Inc.	Com	689899 10 2	82,562	1,867,500	X
Petrochina Co LTD	ADR	71646E 10 0	4,159	72,900	X
			33,437	586,100	X
Sealed Air Corporation	Com	81211K 10 0	60,843	1,123,800	X
Shaw Communications Inc.	Cl B	82028K 20 0	341,440	22,000,000	X
Sun Trusts Banks Inc.	Com	867914 10 3	353,660	4,946,300	X
			61,490	860,000	X
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027 10 4	3,531	77,551	X
			20,481	449,728	X
			35,120	771,200	X
			29,132	639,700	X
USG Corporation	Com	903293 40 5	107,705	6,500,000	X
Washington Post Co.	Cl B	939640 10 8	707,752	894,304	X
			117,373	148,311	X
			512,958	648,165	X
			29,270	36,985	X

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Wells Fargo & Co. Del	Com	949746 10 1	759,834	12,902,590	X
			60,162	1,021,600	X
			7,124	120,970	X
			82,093	1,394,000	X
			153,400	2,604,860	X
			2,261,633	38,404,360	X
Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817 10 6	1,996,080	5,703,087	X
Zenith National Ins. Corp.	Com	989390 10 9	5,112	157,055	X
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			10,632,288		
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GRAND TOTAL			\$ 34,868,757		
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		Column 8 Voting Authority		
Column 1 Name of Issuer -----	Column 7 Other Managers -----	(a) Sole -----	(b) Shared -----	(c) None -----
Iron Mountain Inc.	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	5,018,500		
M & T Bank Corporation	5 11, 13	5,997,060		
	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	546,000		
	5, 10, 13	165,700		
Moody's	5, 11, 13	16,140,300		
	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	7,859,700		
Mueller Industries	5, 11, 13	2,446,900		
Nike Inc.	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	6,000,000		
Outback Steakhouse Inc.	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	1,867,500		
Petrochina Co LTD	5, 11, 13	72,900		
	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	586,100		
Sealed Air Corporation	5, 11, 13	1,123,800		
Shaw Communications Inc.	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	22,000,000		
Sun Trusts Banks Inc.	5, 11, 13	4,946,300		
	5, 2, 6, 13	860,000		
Torchmark Corp.	5, 1, 11, 13	77,551		
	5, 2, 6, 13	449,728		
	5, 11, 13	771,200		
	5, 10, 13	639,700		
USG Corporation	5, 11, 13	6,500,000		
Washington Post Co.	5, 11, 13			894,304
	5, 1, 3, 7, 11, 13			148,311
	5, 10, 13			648,165
	5, 12, 13			36,985
Wells Fargo & Co. Del	5, 2, 6, 13	12,902,590		
	5, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17	1,021,600		
	5, 10, 13	120,970		
	5, 12, 13	1,394,000		
	5, 13	2,604,860		
	5, 11, 13	38,404,360		
Wesco Finl Corp.	5, 4, 13	5,703,087		
Zenith National Ins. Corp.	5, 11, 13	157,055		