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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC  
Form 13F-HR  
August 16, 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: June 30, 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.  
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Address: 1440 Kiewit Plaza  
Omaha, NE 68131  
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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                      August 12, 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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Form 13F File Number	Name
28- 5194	General Re - New England Asset Management, Inc. -----

Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers:	17 -----
Form 13F Information Table Entry Total:	62 -----
Form 13F Information Table Value Total:	\$ 36,016,988 ----- (thousands)

Confidential information has been omitted from the public Form 13F and filed separately with the Commission.

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 Discretion		
					(a) Sole	(b) Shared-Defined	(c) Shared-Other
American Express Co.	Com	025816 109	885,041	17,225,400		X	5,
			410,764	7,994,634		X	5,
			6,178,747	120,255,879		X	5,
			99,836	1,943,100		X	5,4
			215,369	4,191,687		X	5,
American Standard Companies	Com	029712 106	423,170	10,497,900		X	5,8
			684,237	14,350,600		X	5,
Block H & R	Com	093671 105	90,460	1,792,000		X	5,
Coca Cola	Com	191216 100	89,652	1,776,000		X	5,
			363,739	7,205,600		X	5,4
			2,026,348	40,141,600		X	5,
			7,064,454	139,945,600		X	5,
			461,347	9,139,200		X	5,
Comdisco Holding Co.	Com	200334 100	30,669	1,179,592		X	5,
			7,628	293,367		X	5,
			433	16,669		X	5,
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Com	22160K 105	216,360	5,254,000		X	5,
First Data Corporation	Com	319963 104	356,160	8,000,000		X	5,8
Gannett Inc.	Com	364730 101	292,529	3,447,600		X	5,
Gap Inc.	Com	364760 108	363,750	15,000,000		X	5,8
			2,544,000	60,000,000		X	5,1
The Gillette Co.	Com	375766 102	881,920	20,800,000		X	5,2
			271,360	6,400,000		X	5,
			271,360	6,400,000		X	5,4
			33,920	800,000		X	5,
			67,840	1,600,000		X	5,
HCA Inc.	Com	404119 109	415,900	10,000,000		X	5,8
			148,314	3,566,100		X	5,
			41,590	1,000,000		X	5,
			24,936,897				

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					(a) Sole	(b) Shared-Defined	(c) Shared-Other
Iron Mountain Inc.	Com	462846 10 6	242,193	5,018,500		X	5,8,
M & T Bank Corporation	Com	55261F 10 4	523,543	5,997,060		X	5 11
			47,666	546,000		X	5,8,
			14,466	165,700		X	5,10

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Moody's	Com	615369	10	5	1,043,632	16,140,300	X	5,11
					508,208	7,859,700	X	5,8,
Mueller Industries	Com	624756	10	2	69,087	1,929,800	X	5,11
Nike Inc.	Com	654106	10	3	454,500	6,000,000	X	5,8,
Outback Steakhouse Inc.	Com	689899	10	2	75,226	1,818,800	X	5,8,
Petrochina Co LTD	ADR	71646E	10	0	3,375	72,900	X	5,11
					27,136	586,100	X	5,8,
Pier 1 Imports Inc.	Com	720279	10	8	141,520	8,000,000	X	5,8,
Sealed Air Corporation	Com	81211K	10	0	59,305	1,113,300	X	5,11
Shaw Communications Inc.	Cl B	82028K	20	0	369,820	22,000,000	X	5,8,
Sun Trusts Banks Inc.	Com	867914	10	3	321,460	4,946,300	X	5,11
					55,891	860,000	X	5,2,
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027	10	4	4,172	77,551	X	5,1,
					24,195	449,728	X	5,2,
					41,491	771,200	X	5,11
					34,416	639,700	X	5,10
USG Corporation	Com	903293	40	5	114,270	6,500,000	X	5,11
Washington Post Co.	Cl B	939640	10	8	831,712	894,304	X	5,11
					137,931	148,311	X	5,1,
					602,800	648,165	X	5,10
					34,396	36,985	X	5,12
Wells Fargo & Co. Del	Com	949746	10	1	738,415	12,902,590	X	5,2,
					58,466	1,021,600	X	5,4,
					6,923	120,970	X	5,10
					79,779	1,394,000	X	5,12
					149,076	2,604,860	X	5,13
					2,197,882	38,404,360	X	5,11
Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817	10	6	2,064,517	5,703,087	X	5,4,
Zenith National Ins Corp.	Com	989390	10	9	2,622	53,955	X	5,11
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GRAND TOTAL					\$ 36,016,988			
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