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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC  
Form 13F-HR  
November 13, 2003

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

Form 13F

Form 13F COVER PAGE

Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: September 30, 2003  
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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  
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Omaha, NE 68131  
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Form 13F File Number: 28- 4545  
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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  
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Title: Vice President  
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Phone: 402-346-1400  
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Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

(s) Marc D. Hamburg                      Omaha, NE                      November 12, 2003  
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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).)

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[ 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:

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:	67
Form 13F Information Table Value Total:	\$ 31,036,994
	(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 \$	Column 6 Investment Discretion			Other
					(a) Sole	(b) Shared-Defined	(c) Shared-Other	
American Express Co.	Com	025816 10 9	776,177	17,225,400		X		5, 2, 6, 13
			360,238	7,994,634		X		5, 10, 13
			5,418,730	120,255,879		X		5, 11, 13
			87,556	1,943,100		X		5, 4, 13, 15
			188,877	4,191,687		X		5, 13
American Standard Companies	Com	029712 10 6	272,296	3,232,000		X		5, 8, 9, 11,
Automatic Data Processing	Com	053015 10 3	59,117	1,649,000		X		5, 8, 9, 11,
Block H & R	Com	093671 10 5	690,365	15,999,200		X		5, 11, 13
Coca Cola	Com	191216 10 0	76,984	1,792,000		X		5, 13
			76,297	1,776,000		X		5, 12, 13
			309,553	7,205,600		X		5, 4, 13, 15
			1,724,483	40,141,600		X		5, 2, 6, 13
			6,012,063	139,945,600		X		5, 11, 13
			392,620	9,139,200		X		5, 10, 13
Comdisco Holding Co.	Com	200334 10 0	98,882	1,177,172		X		5, 11, 13
			24,576	292,569		X		5, 2, 6, 13
			1,397	16,634		X		5, 10, 13
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Com	22160K 10 5	163,662	5,254,000		X		5, 11, 13
Dover Corp.	Com	260003 10 8	110,683	3,129,300		X		5, 8, 9, 11,
Duke Energy Corp.	Com	264399 10 6	25,269	1,418,800		X		5, 8, 9, 11,
Dun & Bradstreet Corp.	Com	26483E 10 0	5,649	136,000		X		5, 8, 9, 11,
First Data Corporation	Com	319963 10 4	319,680	8,000,000		X		5, 8, 9, 11,
Gannett Inc.	Com	364730 10 1	282,070	3,636,800		X		5, 11, 13
Gap Inc.	Com	364760 10 8	342,400	20,000,000		X		5, 8, 9, 11,
The Gillette Co.	Com	375766 10 2	1,918,800	60,000,000		X		5, 11, 13
			665,184	20,800,000		X		5, 2, 6, 13
			204,672	6,400,000		X		5, 10, 13
			204,672	6,400,000		X		5, 4, 13, 15
			25,584	800,000		X		5, 12, 13
			51,168	1,600,000		X		5, 13
Great Lakes Chemical Corp.	Com	390568 10 3	11,014	547,700		X		5, 8, 9, 11,
HCA Inc.	Com	404119 10 9	368,600	10,000,000		X		5, 8, 9, 11,
			254,360	6,900,700		X		5, 2, 6, 13
			36,860	1,000,000		X		5, 13
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			21,560,538					
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Iron Mountain Inc. Level	Com	462846 10 6	180,164	5,018,500		X	5, 8, 9, 11,
3 Communications	Com	52729N 10 0	8,915	1,644,900		X	5, 11, 13
M & T Bank Corporation	Com	55261F 10 4	523,543	5,997,060		X	5 11, 13
			47,666	546,000		X	5, 8, 9, 11,
			14,466	165,700		X	5, 10, 13
Moody's	Com	615369 10 5	887,232	16,140,300		X	5, 11, 13
			432,048	7,859,700		X	5, 8, 9, 11,
Mueller Industries	Com	624756 10 2	63,139	2,480,900		X	5, 11, 13
Nike Inc.	Com	654106 10 3	364,920	6,000,000		X	5, 8, 9, 11,
Outback Steakhouse Inc.	Com	689899 10 2	70,722	1,867,500		X	5, 8, 9, 11,
Petrochina Co LTD	ADR	71646E 10 0	2,446	72,900		X	5, 11, 13
			19,664	586,100		X	5, 8, 9, 11,
Sealed Air Corporation	Com	81211K 10 0	53,077	1,123,800		X	5, 11, 13
Shaw Communications Inc.	Cl B	82028K 20 0	267,520	22,000,000		X	5, 8, 9, 11,
Sun Trusts Banks Inc.	Com	867914 10 3	298,608	4,946,300		X	5, 11, 13
			51,918	860,000		X	5, 2, 6, 13
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027 10 4	3,152	77,551		X	5, 1, 11, 13
			18,277	449,728		X	5, 2, 6, 13
			31,342	771,200		X	5, 11, 13
			25,997	639,700		X	5, 10, 13
USG Corporation	Com	903293 40 5	112,060	6,500,000		X	5, 11, 13
Washington Post Co.	Cl B	939640 10 8	594,712	894,304		X	5, 11, 13
			98,627	148,311		X	5, 1, 3, 7,
			431,030	648,165		X	5, 10, 13
			24,595	36,985		X	5, 12, 13
Wells Fargo & Co. Del	Com	949746 10 1	664,483	12,902,590		X	5, 2, 6, 13
			52,612	1,021,600		X	5, 4, 13, 15
			6,230	120,970		X	5, 10, 13
			71,791	1,394,000		X	5, 12, 13
			134,150	2,604,860		X	5, 13
			1,977,825	38,404,360		X	5, 11, 13
Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817 10 6	1,938,878	5,703,087		X	5, 4, 13
Zenith National Ins. Corp.	Com	989390 10 9	4,647	167,055		X	5, 11, 13
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			9,476,456				
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GRAND TOTAL			\$31,036,994				

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