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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC  
Form 13F-HR  
February 17, 2009

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

Form 13F

Form 13F COVER PAGE

Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 2008

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	Omaha, NE	February 16, 2009
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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:

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: 21  
 Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 108  
 Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$51,869,961  
 (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.	28-10388	BH Columbia Inc.
3.	28-719	Blue Chip Stamps
4.	28-554	Buffett, Warren E.
5.	28-1517	Columbia Insurance Co.
6.	28-2226	Cornhusker Casualty Co.
7.	28-06102	Cypress Insurance Company
8.	28-11217	Fechheimer Brothers Company
9.	28-	GEC Investment Managers
10.	28-852	GEICO Corp.
11.	28-101	Government Employees Ins. Corp.
12.	28-	Medical Protective Corp.
13.	28-1066	National Fire & Marine
14.	28-718	National Indemnity Co.
15.	28-5006	National Liability & Fire Ins. Co.
16.	28-11222	Nebraska Furniture Mart
17.	28-717	OBH Inc.
18.	28-	U.S. Investment Corp.
19.	28-1357	Wesco Financial Corp.
20.	28-3091	Wesco Financial Ins. Co.
21.	28-3105	Wesco Holdings Midwest, Inc.

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6		Column 7
	Title of	CUSIP	Market	Shares or	Investment Discretion		
			Value (In	Principal	(a) Shared-	(b) Shared-	
			Value (In	Principal	(a) Shared-	(c) Shared-	

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Name of Issuer	Class	Number	Thousands)	Amount \$	Sole Defined	Other	Other Manag
American Express Co.	Com	025816 10 9	319,531	17,225,400	X		4, 2, 5, 17
			148,300	7,994,634	X		4, 13, 17
			2,230,747	120,255,879	X		4, 14, 17
			36,045	1,943,100	X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			25,965	1,399,713	X		4, 16, 17
			15,579	839,832	X		4, 8, 17
			36,212	1,952,142	X		4, 17
Bank of America Corp.	Com	060505 10 4	70,400	5,000,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Burlington Northern Santa Fe	Com	12189T 10 4	5,306,440	70,089,829	X		4, 14, 17
Carmax Inc.	Com	143130 10 2	138,976	17,636,500	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Coca Cola	Com	191216 10 0	18,108	400,000	X		4, 17
			80,400	1,776,000	X		4, 15, 17
			326,198	7,205,600	X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			1,817,210	40,141,600	X		4, 2, 5, 17
			6,335,337	139,945,600	X		4, 14, 17
			413,731	9,139,200	X		4, 13, 17
			21,730	480,000	X		4, 16, 17
			41,286	912,000	X		4, 7, 17
Comcast Corp	CLA SPL	20030N 20 0	193,800	12,000,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Comdisco Holding Co.	Com	200334 10 0	9,502	1,218,199	X		4, 14, 17
			2,363	302,963	X		4, 2, 5, 17
			134	17,215	X		4, 13, 17
ConocoPhillips	Com	20825C 10 4	3,724,227	71,896,273	X		4, 14, 17
			103,600	2,000,000	X		4, 13, 17
			310,800	6,000,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Constellation Energy Group, Inc.	Com	210371 10 0	499,224	19,897,322	X		4
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Com	22160K 10 5	275,835	5,254,000	X		4, 14, 17
Eaton Corporation	Com	278058 10 2	159,072	3,200,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Gannett Inc.	Com	364730 10 1	27,581	3,447,600	X		4, 14, 17
General Electric Co.	Com	369604 10 3	126,002	7,777,900	X		4
GlaxoSmithKline	ADR	37733W 10 5	56,296	1,510,500	X		4, 14, 17
Home Depot Inc.	Com	437076 10 2	85,174	3,700,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Ingersoll-Rd Company LTD.	CLA	G4776G 10 1	11,045	636,600	X		4
			123,983	7,146,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Iron Mountain Inc.	Com	462846 10 6	83,395	3,372,200	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
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			23,174,228				
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					(a) Shared- Sole Defined	(c) Shared- Other				
Johnson & Johnson	Com	478160 10 4	258,615	4,322,500	X		4			
			808,279	13,509,591	X		4, 14, 17			
			19,463	325,300	X		4, 3, 17, 19,			
			543,687	9,087,200	X		4, 13, 17			
			47,385	792,000	X		4, 2, 5, 12, 1			
Kraft Foods Inc.	Com	50075N 10 4	34,402	575,000	X		4, 18			
			2,395,621	89,222,400	X		4, 14, 17			
			826,720	30,790,300	X		4, 2, 5, 17			
			268,500	10,000,000	X		4, 3, 17, 19,			
			6,976	259,800	X		4, 2, 5, 12, 1			
Lowe's Companies Inc.	Com	548661 10 7	214,800	8,000,000	X		4			
			139,880	6,500,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,			
			M & T Bank Corporation	Com	55261F 10 4	344,653	6,003,360	X		4, 14, 17
						31,346	546,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
						9,513	165,700	X		4, 13, 17
Moody's	Com	615369 10 5	648,517	32,280,600	X		4, 14, 17			
			315,803	15,719,400	X		4, 9, 10, 11,			
NRG Energy, Inc.	Com	629377 50 8	167,976	7,200,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,			
			Nalco Holding Co.	Com	62985Q 10 1	100,849	8,739,100	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Nike Inc.	Com	654106 10 3	389,691	7,641,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,			
Norfolk Southern Corp.	Com	655844 10 8	90,948	1,933,000	X		4, 2, 5, 17			
			Procter & Gamble Co.	Com	742718 10 9	3,443,394	55,700,318	X		4, 14, 17
1,253,710	20,280,000	X					4, 2, 5, 17			
385,756	6,240,000	X					4, 13, 17			
385,756	6,240,000	X					4, 3, 17, 19,			
48,220	780,000	X					4, 15, 17			
96,439	1,560,000	X					4, 7, 17			
70,518	1,140,692	X					4, 9, 10, 11,			
Sanofi Aventis	ADR	80105N 10 5	270,462	4,375,000	X		4			
			15,710	488,500	X		4, 9, 10, 11,			
			93,140	2,896,133	X		4, 14, 17			
			5,445	169,300	X		4, 13, 17			
Sun Trusts Banks Inc.	Com	867914 10 3	11,250	350,000	X		4, 2, 5, 12, 1			
			69,259	2,344,600	X		4, 14, 17			
			25,404	860,000	X		4, 2, 5, 17			
			Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027 10 4	3,467	77,551	X		1, 4, 14, 17
						20,102	449,728	X		4, 2, 5, 17
74,063	1,656,900	X					4, 14, 17			
			28,595	639,700	X		4, 13, 17			
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			13,964,314							

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US Bancorp	Com	902973 30 4	582,916	23,307,300	X		4, 2, 5, 17
			519,428	20,768,826	X		4, 14, 17
			209,209	8,365,000	X		4
			250,100	10,000,000	X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			54,372	2,174,000	X		4, 2, 5, 12, 1
			43,642	1,745,000	X		4, 18
USG Corporation	Com	903293 40 5	29,794	1,191,300	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
			137,260	17,072,192	X		4, 14, 17
Union Pacific Corp.	Com	907818 10 8	425,707	8,906,000	X		4, 2, 5, 17
United Parcel Service Inc.	Com	911312 10 6	78,835	1,429,200	X		4
United Health Group Inc.	Com	91324P 10 2	167,580	6,300,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Wabco Holdings Inc.	Com	92927K 10 2	42,633	2,700,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	Com	931142 10 3	1,065,045	18,998,300	X		4, 14, 17
			53,033	946,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
Washington Post Co.	Cl B	939640 10 8	349,002	894,304	X		4, 14, 17
			57,878	148,311	X		4, 5, 1, 6, 14
			252,946	648,165	X		4, 13, 17
			14,433	36,985	X		4, 15, 17
Wells Fargo & Co. Del	Com	949746 10 1	1,576,868	53,489,420	X		4, 2, 5, 17
			372,722	12,643,200	X		4, 3, 17, 19,
			1,129,468	38,313,040	X		4, 13, 17
			82,190	2,788,000	X		4, 15, 17
			29,480	1,000,000	X		4, 17
			3,808,270	129,181,488	X		4, 14, 17
			47,455	1,609,720	X		4, 16, 17
			50,116	1,700,000	X		4, 8, 17
			24,174	820,000	X		4, 7, 17
			589,600	20,000,000	X		4, 9, 10, 11,
			471,680	16,000,000	X		4, 1, 6, 14, 1
			235,840	8,000,000	X		4
			77,596	2,700,000	X		4, 2, 5, 12, 1
			58,960	2,000,000	X		4, 18
			Wellpoint Inc.	Com	949773V 10 7	201,268	4,777,300
Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817 10 6	1,641,919	5,703,087	X		4, 3, 17

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GRAND TOTAL

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14,731,419  
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\$51,869,961  
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