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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

Omaha, NE

May 14, 2004

[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).)

☒ 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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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 |
| | ----- |
| Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: | 61 |
| | ----- |
| Form 13F Information Table Value Total: | \$ 35,802,150 |
| | ----- |
| | (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

Column 6
Investment Discretion

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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 6 Other Managers |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| American Express Co. | Com | 025816 10 9 | 893,137 414,522 6,235,267 100,750 217,339 | 17,225,400 7,994,634 120,255,879 1,943,100 4,191,687 | | X X X X X | | 5, 2, 6, 1 5, 10, 13 5, 11, 13 5, 4, 13, 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 89,333 362,442 2,019,122 7,039,264 459,702 | 1,792,000 1,776,000 7,205,600 40,141,600 139,945,600 9,139,200 | | X X X X X X | | 5, 13 5, 12, 13 5, 4, 13, 5, 2, 6, 1 5, 11, 13 5, 10, 13 |
| Comdisco Holding Co. | Com | 200334 10 0 | 43,645 10,847 617 | 1,179,592 293,169 16,669 | | X X X | | 5, 11, 13 5, 2, 6, 1 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 | 2,346,000 813,280 250,240 250,240 31,280 62,560 | 60,000,000 20,800,000 6,400,000 6,400,000 800,000 1,600,000 | | X X X X X X | | 5, 11, 13 5, 2, 6, 1 5, 10, 13 5, 4, 13, 5, 12, 13 5, 13 |
| HCA Inc. | Com | 404119 10 9 | 406,200 181,835 40,620 | 10,000,000 4,476,500 1,000,000 | | X X X | | 5, 8, 9, 1 5, 2, 6, 1 5, 13 |
| | | | 24,626,678 | | | | | |

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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 (a) Sole | (b) Shared- Defined | (c) Shared- Other | Column 7 Other Managers |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 |
| | | | | ----- | | | |
| | | | | 11,175,472 | | | |
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| GRAND TOTAL | | | | \$35,802,150 | | | |
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