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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC  
 Form 13F-HR  
 November 15, 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: September 30, 2004  
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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  
                                                                          -----  
                                                                          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  
                                                                          -----  
 Phone:                    402-346-1400  
                                                                          -----

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

(s) Marc D. Hamburg	Omaha, NE	November
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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:	61 -----
Form 13F Information Table Value Total:	\$ 33,856,547 ----- (thousands)

Confidential Information has been omitted from the public Form 13F and filed with the Commission. Included in this information is information regarding Berkshire's position in Sun Trust Banks Inc. included in its June 30, 2004, public Form 13F

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.

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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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Form 13F Information Table  
September 30, 2004

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			Co O Ma
					(a) Sole	(b) Shared- Defined	(c) Shared- Other	
American Express Co.	Com	025816 10 9	886,419	17,225,400		X		5,2,6
			411,404	7,994,634		X		5,10,
			6,188,368	120,255,879		X		5,11,
			99,992	1,943,100		X		5,4,1
			215,704	4,191,687		X		5,13
American Standard Companies	Com	029712 10 6	408,473	10,497,900		X		5,8,9
Block H & R	Com	093671 10 5	709,207	14,350,600		X		5,11,
Coca Cola	Com	191216 10 0	71,770	1,792,000		X		5,13
			71,129	1,776,000		X		5,12,
			288,584	7,205,600		X		5,4,1
			1,607,671	40,141,600		X		5,2,6
			5,604,821	139,945,600		X		5,11,
			366,025	9,139,200		X		5,10,
Comcast Corp	CLA SPL	20030N 20 0	139,600	5,000,000		X		5,8,9
Comdisco Holding Co.	Com	200334 10 0	25,066	1,179,592		X		5,11,
			6,234	293,367		X		5,2,6
			354	16,669		X		5,10,
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Com	22160K 10 5	218,094	5,254,000		X		5,11,
First Data Corporation	Com	319963 10 4	348,000	8,000,000		X		5,8,9
Gannett Inc.	Com	364730 10 1	288,771	3,447,600		X		5,11,
Gap Inc.	Com	364760 10 8	279,750	15,000,000		X		5,8,9
The Gillette Co.	Com	375766 10 2	2,504,400	60,000,000		X		5,11,
			868,192	20,800,000		X		5,2,6
			267,136	6,400,000		X		5,10,
			267,136	6,400,000		X		5,4,1
			33,392	800,000		X		5,12,
			66,784	1,600,000		X		5,13
HCA Inc.	Com	404119 10 9	381,500	10,000,000		X		5,8,9
			95,383	2,500,200		X		5,2,6

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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 \$ -----	Column 6 Investment Discretion -----			Column 7 Other -----	Column 8 -----
					(a) Sole	(b) Shared- Defined	(c) Shared- Other		
Iron Mountain Inc.	Com	462846 10 6	234,775	6,935,750		X		5,8,9	
M & T Bank Corporation	Com	55261F 10 4	573,919	5,997,060		X		5,11,	
			52,252	546,000		X		5,8,9	
			15,857	165,700		X		5,10,	
Moody's	Com	615369 10 5	1,182,277	16,140,300		X		5,11,	
			575,723	7,859,700		X		5,8,9	
Mueller Industries	Com	624756 10 2	58,494	1,361,900		X		5,11,	
Nike Inc.	Com	654106 10 3	472,800	6,000,000		X		5,8,9	
Outback Steakhouse Inc.	Com	689899 10 2	75,535	1,818,800		X		5,8,9	
Petrochina Co LTD	ADR	71646E 10 0	3,919	72,900		X		5,11,	
			31,509	586,100		X		5,8,9	
Pier 1 Imports Inc.	Com	720279 10 8	144,640	8,000,000		X		5,8,9	
Sealed Air Corporation	Com	81211K 10 0	51,601	1,113,300		X		5,11,	
Servicemaster Company	Com	81760N 10 9	72,165	5,611,600		X		5,8,9	
Shaw Communications Inc.	ClB	82028K 20 0	366,960	22,000,000		X		5,8,9	
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027 10 4	4,124	77,551		X		5,1,1	
			23,917	449,728		X		5,2,6	
			45,862	862,400		X		5,11,	
			34,019	639,700		X		5,10,	
USG Corporation	Com	903293 40 5	118,495	6,500,000		X		5,11,	
Washington Post Co.	ClB	939640 10 8	822,760	894,304		X		5,11,	
			136,446	148,311		X		5,1,3	
			596,312	648,165		X		5,10,	
			34,026	36,985		X		5,12,	
Wells Fargo & Co. Del	Com	949746 10 1	769,381	12,902,590		X		5,2,6	
			60,918	1,021,600		X		5,4,1	
			7,213	120,970		X		5,10,	
			83,124	1,394,000		X		5,12,	
			155,328	2,604,860		X		5,13	
			2,290,052	38,404,360		X		5,11,	
Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817 10 6	2,004,635	5,703,087		X		5,4,1	

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GRAND TOTAL	\$33,856,547
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