BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC

Form 13F-HR February 17, 2004

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

Form 13F

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Report for t	the Calendar Year or Qu	uarter Ended: December 31,	2003
		Amendment Number:	restatement.
		[] adds	new holdings entries.
Institutiona	al Investment Manager F	Filing this Report:	
	Berkshire Hathaway In 1440 Kiewit Plaza Omaha, NE 68131	nc.	
Form 13F Fil	le Number: 28-4545		
it is signed to submit it complete, ar	d hereby represent that c, that all information nd that it is understoo	ger filing this report and the person signing the real contained herein is true od that all required items considered integral parts	report is authorized e, correct and s, statements,
Person Signi	ng this Report on Beha	alf of Reporting Manager:	
Title:	Marc D. Hamburg Vice President 402-346-1400		
Signature, E	Place, and Date of Sign	ning:	
	Hamburg	Omaha, NE	February 13, 2004
[Signature]		[City, State]	[Date]
Report Type	(Check only one.):		
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		o holdings reported are in er reporting manager(s).)	n this report, and all
reporti		ck here if a portion of the	
List of Othe	er Managers Reporting f	for this Manager:	

Name

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28-5194

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Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers:	17
Form 13F Information Table Entry Total:	64
Form 13F Information Table Value Total:	\$ 34,868,757
	(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.					

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC. Form 13F Information Table December 31, 2003

Column

	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4 Market	Column 5 Shares or	Investment Di
Column 1 Name of Issuer	Title of Class	CUSIP Number	Value (In Thousands)	Principal Amount \$	(a) (b) Shared- Sole Defined
American Express Co.	Com	025816 10 9	830 , 781	17,225,400	X
American Express Co.	COIII	023010 10 3	385,581	7,994,634	X
			5,799,941	120,255,879	X
			93,716	1,943,100	X
			202,165	4,191,687	X
American Standard Companies	Com	029712 10 6		3,232,000	X
Automatic Data Processing	Com	053015 10 3		1,415,700	X
Block H & R	Com	093671 10 5		14,610,900	X
Cadbury Schweppes & PLC	ADR	127209 30 2	·	10,000,000	X
Coca Cola	Com	191216 10 (1,792,000	X
coca cora	COIII	191210 10 (90,132	1,776,000	X
			365,684	7,205,600	X
			2,037,186	40,141,600	X
			7,102,239	139,945,600	X
			463,814	9,139,200	X
Comdisco Holding Co.	Com	200334 10 0	·	1,179,592	X
			11,726	293,153	X
			667	16,669	X
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Com	22160K 10 5		5,254,000	X
Dover Corp.	Com	260003 10 8	•	2,000,000	X
First Data Corporation	Com	319963 10 4		8,000,000	X
Gannett Inc.	Com	364730 10 1		3,456,600	X
Gap Inc.	Com	364760 10 8		15,000,000	X
The Gillette Co.	Com	375766 10 2		60,000,000	X
			763,984	20,800,000	X
			235,072	6,400,000	X
			235,072	6,400,000	X
			29,384	800,000	X
			58,768	1,600,000	X
HCA Inc.	Com	404119 10 9		10,000,000	X
			192,310	4,476,500	X
			42,960	1,000,000	X
			24,236,469		

		Column 8 Voting Authority			
Column 1 Name of Issuer	Column 7 Other Managers	(a) Sole			
American Express Co.	5, 2, 6, 13 5, 10, 13	17,225,400 7,994,634			
	5, 11, 13 5, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17 5, 13	120,255,879 1,943,100 4,191,687			
American Standard Companies Automatic Data Processing	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	3,232,000			
Block H & R	5, 11, 13	14,610,900			
Cadbury Schweppes & PLC Coca Cola	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14 5, 13 5, 12, 13	10,000,000 1,792,000 1,776,000			

	5, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17	7,205,600
	5, 2, 6, 13	40,141,600
	5, 11, 13	139,945,600
	5, 10, 13	9,139,200
Comdisco Holding Co.	5, 11, 13	1,179,592
	5, 2, 6, 13	293 , 153
	5, 10, 13	16,669
Costco Wholesale Corp.	5, 11, 13	5,254,000
Dover Corp.	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	2,000,000
First Data Corporation	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	8,000,000
Gannett Inc.	5, 11, 13	3,456,600
Gap Inc.	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	15,000,000
The Gillette Co.	5, 11, 13	60,000,000
	5, 2, 6, 13	20,800,000
	5, 10, 13	6,400,000
	5, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17	6,400,000
	5, 12, 13	800,000
	5, 13	1,600,000
HCA Inc.	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	10,000,000
	5, 2, 6, 13	4,476,500
	5, 13	1,000,000

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC. Form 13F Information Table December 31, 2003

	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4 Market		Column Investment Di
Column 1		CUSIP	Value		(a) (b) Shared-
			(In Thousands)	_	
Iron Mountain Inc.	Com	462846 10 6	198,431	5.018.500	X
M & T Bank Corporation		55261F 10 4	•	5,997,060	X
n a r bam ourporación	00111	002011 10 1		546,000	X
				165,700	
Moody's	Com	615369 10 5		16,140,300	
1				7,859,700	X
Mueller Industries	Com	624756 10 2	84,075	2,446,900	X
Nike Inc.	Com	654106 10 3		6,000,000	X
Outback Steakhouse Inc.	Com	689899 10 2	82,562	1,867,500	X
Petrochina Co LTD	ADR	71646E 10 0	4,159	72,900	X
			33,437	586,100	X
Sealed Air Corporation	Com	81211K 10 0	60,843	1,123,800	X
Shaw Communications Inc.	Cl B	82028K 20 0	341,440	22,000,000	X
Sun Trusts Banks Inc.	Com	867914 10 3	353,660	4,946,300	X
			61,490	860,000	X
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027 10 4	3,531	77 , 551	X
			20,481	449,728	X
			35,120	771,200	X
			29,132	639 , 700	X
USG Corporation	Com	903293 40 5	107,705	6,500,000	X
Washington Post Co.	Cl B	939640 10 8	707,752	894,304	X
			117,373	148,311	X
			512,958	648,165	X
			29,270	36,985	X

Wells Fargo & Co. Del	Com	949746 10	1	759,834	12,902,590	X
-				60,162	1,021,600	X
				7,124	120 , 970	X
				82 , 093	1,394,000	X
				153,400	2,604,860	X
				2,261,633	38,404,360	X
Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817 10	6	1,996,080	5,703,087	X
Zenith National Ins. Corp.	Com	989390 10	9	5,112	157 , 055	X
				10,632,288		
CDAND TOTAL			<u> </u>	24 060 757		
GRAND TOTAL			\$	34,868,757		

Column 8 Voting Authority

	Column 7			
Column 7 Column 1 Other Name of Issuer Managers		(a)	(b) Shared	(c) None
<pre>Iron Mountain Inc. M & T Bank Corporation</pre>	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14			
	5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14 5, 10, 13	546,000 165,700		
Moody's	5, 11, 13 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14			
Mueller Industries Nike Inc.	5, 11, 13 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	2,446,900 6,000,000		
Outback Steakhouse Inc.		1,867,500 72,900		
Sealed Air Corporation Shaw Communications Inc. Sun Trusts Banks Inc.	5, 11, 13 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14 5, 11, 13	1,123,800 22,000,000 4,946,300		
Torchmark Corp.	5, 2, 6, 13 5, 1, 11, 13 5, 2, 6, 13 5, 11, 13	860,000 77,551 449,728 771,200		
USG Corporation Washington Post Co.	5, 10, 13	639,700 6,500,000		894,304 148,311 648,165
Wells Fargo & Co. Del	5, 12, 13 5, 2, 6, 13 5, 4, 13, 15, 16, 17 5, 10, 13 5, 12, 13 5, 13	120,970 1,394,000 2,604,860 38,404,360		36,985
Wesco Finl Corp. Zenith National Ins. Corp.	5, 4, 13 5, 11, 13	5,703,087 157,055		