#### BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC

Form 13F-HR November 15, 2004

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

Form 13F

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Report for t	he Calendar Year or Quart	er Ended: September 30, 2004	
	f Amendment [ ]; Ame mendment (Check only one.	ndment Number: ): [ ] is a restatement.	ies.
Institutiona	l Investment Manager Fili	ng this Report:	
Name:	Berkshire Hathaway In		
Address:	1440 Kiewit Plaza		
	Omaha, NE 68131		
Form 13F Fil	e Number: 2	8- 4545	
complete, an schedules, 1	d that it is understood t		
Title:	Vice President		
Phone:	402-346-1400		
Signature, P	lace, and Date of Signing	:	
(s) Marc D.		Omaha, NE	Novemb
[Signature]		[City, State]	[Date]
[ ] 13F HC manage	r are reported in this re		
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and all holdings 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.

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 September 30, 2004

Column 6 Investment Discretion Column 5 -----(c) Co Column 2 Column 3 Market
Title of CUSIP Value Shares or Column 1 Title of CUSIP Principal (a) (b)Shared-Shared-C Number (In Thousands) Amount \$ Sole Defined Other Ma Name of Issuer Class ----\_\_\_\_\_ ----- ---- -----American Express X X X Co. Com 025816 10 9 886,419 17,225,400 5,2,6 411,404 7,994,634 5,10, 6,188,368 120,255,879 99,992 1,943,100 5,11, X 5,4,1 215,704 4,191,687 X 5**,**13 American Standard Com 029712 10 6 X 5,8,9 Companies 408,473 10,497,900 Companies
Block H & R Х Com 093671 10 5 14,350,600 709**,**207 5,11, Com 191216 10 0 X Coca Cola 71,770 1,792,000 5,13 71,129 X 1,776,000 5,12, 288,584 7,205,600 1,607,671 40,141,600 5,604,821 139,945,600 7,205,600 X 5,4,1 ,607,671 40,141,600 ,604,821 139,945,600 366,025 9,139,200 X 5,2,6 X 5,11, X 5,10, Comcast Corp CLA SPL 20030N 20 0 139,600 5,000,000 X 5,8,9 25,066 1,179,592 293,367 Comdisco Holding X X Co. Com 200334 10 0 5,11, 5,2,6 354 16,669 Χ 5,10, Costco Wholesale Corp. Com 22160K 10 5 218,094 5,254,000 Χ 5,11, First Data 
 Corporation
 Com
 319963 10 4

 Gannett Inc.
 Com
 364730 10 1

 Gap Inc.
 Com
 364760 10 8
 348,000 8,000,000 Χ 5,8,9 288,771 3,447,600 X 5,11, 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, X 868,192 20,800,000 5,2,6 267,136 6,400,000 X 5,10, 267,136 6,400,000 X 5,4,1 800,000 X 5,12, 33,392 66,784 1,600,000 X 381,500 10,000,000 X 95,383 2,500,200 X X 5,13 Com 404119 10 9 HCA Inc. 5,8,9 5,2,6

38,150 1,000,000 X 5,13
-----22,757,509
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BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC. Form 13F Information Table September 30, 2004

					Column 6 Investment Dis	
Column 1 Name of Issuer	Column 2 Title of Class	CUSIP Number	Column 4 Market Value (In Thousands)	Shares or Principal Amount \$	(a) (b) Shared- Sole Defined	(c) Co Shared- O Other Ma
Iron Mountain Inc.	Com	462846 10 6	234 <b>,</b> 775	6,935,750	X	5,8,9
M & T Bank						
Corporation	Com	55261F 10 4	573,919			5,11,
			52,252			5,8,9
Moody's	Com	615369 10 5	15,857 1,182,277			5,10, 5,11,
Moody S	COIII	013303 10 3	575,723			5,8,9
Mueller			373,723	7,033,700	21	3,0,3
Industries	Com	624756 10 2	58,494	1,361,900	X	5,11,
Nike Inc.	Com	654106 10 3	472,800			5 <b>,</b> 8 <b>,</b> 9
Outback						
Steakhouse Inc.	Com	689899 10 2	75 <b>,</b> 535		X	5,8,9
Petrochina Co LTD	ADR	71646E 10 0	3 <b>,</b> 919	•		5,11,
			31,509	586,100	X	5,8,9
Pier 1 Imports	~		1.4.4.6.4.0			<b>5</b> 0 0
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	Com	01211K 10 0	31,001	1,113,300	Λ	J, ⊥⊥,
Company	Com	81760N 10 9	72,165	5,611,600	X	5,8,9
Shaw Communications			,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		1,1,1
Inc.	ClB	82028K 20 0	366,960	22,000,000	X	5,8,9
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027 10 4	4,124	77,551		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			5,11,
Washington Post Co.	ClB	939640 10 8	822,760	•		5,11,
			136,446 596,312			5,1,3 5,10,
			34,026	36,985		5,10, 5,12,
Wells Fargo & Co.			31,020	30,303	21	3,12,
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

	11,099,038
GRAND TOTAL	\$33,856,547
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