BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC

Form 13F-HR February 17, 2009

28-5194

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

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or	Quarter Ended: December	31, 2008
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Institutional Investment Manage	r Filing this Report:	
Name: Berkshire Hathaway Inc Address: 1440 Kiewit Plaza Omaha, NE 68131		
Form 13F File Number: 28-4545		
The institutional investment ma it is signed hereby represent t to submit it, that all informat complete, and that it is unders schedules, lists, and tables, a	hat the person signing th ion contained herein is t tood that all required it	ne report is authorized crue, correct and cems, statements,
Person Signing this Report on B	ehalf of Reporting Manage	er:
Name: Marc D. Hamburg Title: Vice President Phone: 402-346-1400		
Signature, Place, and Date of S	igning:	
(s) Marc D. Hamburg		
[Signature] Report Type (Check only one.):		[Date]
[] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Chec are reported in this report		this reporting manager
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List of Other Managers Reportin	g for this Manager:	
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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	6
							Investme	ent
							Discret	ion
				Column 4	Column 5			
		Column 2	Column 3	Market	Shares or		(b)	(C)
Column	1	Title of	CUSIP	Value (In	Principal	(a)	Shared-	Shared-

Column 7

					Sole Defined	Other Manag
American						
	Com	025816 10 9	319,531	17,225,400	X	4, 2, 5, 17
-			148,300	7,994,634	X	4, 13, 17
				120,255,879		4, 14, 17
				1,943,100		4, 3, 17, 19,
				1,399,713		4, 16, 17
				839,832		4, 8, 17
				1,952,142		4, 17
Bank of America		262525 10 4				•
Corp.	Com	060505 10 4	70,400	5,000,000	X	4, 9, 10, 11,
Burlington Northern						
Santa Fe		12189T 10 4				4, 14, 17
Carmax Inc.	Com	143130 10 2 191216 10 0	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
				7,205,600		4, 3, 17, 19,
			1,817,210	40,141,600	X	4, 2, 5, 17
				139,945,600		4, 14, 17
			413,731	9,139,200	X	4, 13, 17
				480,000		4, 16, 17
			41,286	912,000	X	4, 7, 17
Comcast Corp Comdisco						4, 9, 10, 11,
Holding Co.	Com	200334 10 0	9,502	1,218,199	X	4, 14, 17
			2,363	302,963	X	4, 2, 5, 17
				17,215		4, 13, 17
ConocoPhillips	Com	20825C 10 4				4, 14, 17
				2,000,000		4, 13, 17
				6,000,000		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		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			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,
			23,174,228			

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Column 6

			Column 4	Column F	Investment Discretion	
Column 1 Name of Issuer	Title of	Column 3 CUSIP Number	Market Value (In	Shares or Principal	(b) (c) (a) Shared- Shared- Sole Defined Other	
Johnson &						
Johnson	Com	478160 10 4	258,615	4,322,500	X	4
				13,509,591		4, 14, 17
				325,300		4, 3, 17, 19,
				9,087,200		4, 13, 17
				792,000		4, 2, 5, 12, 1
				575,000		4, 18
Kraft Foods			,	·		•
Inc.	Com	50075N 10 4	2,395,621	89,222,400	X	4, 14, 17
			826,720			4, 2, 5, 17
			268,500	10,000,000	X	4, 3, 17, 19,
				259 , 800		4, 2, 5, 12, 1
			214,800			4
Lowes Companies			,	.,,		
Inc.	Com	548661 10 7	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
1			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			4, 14, 17
			315,803			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				4, 9, 10, 11,
Norfolk Southern			,	, ,		, , , , ,
Corp.	Com	655844 10 8	90,948	1,933,000	X	4, 2, 5, 17
Procter &	COM	000011 10 0	30,310	1,333,000	21	1, 2, 3, 1,
Gamble Co.	Com	742718 10 9	3.443.394	55,700,318	X	4, 14, 17
	00111	, 12, 10 10 3		20,280,000		4, 2, 5, 17
				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,
			270,462	4,375,000	X	4
Sanofi Aventis	ADR	80105N 10 5	15,710	488,500	X	4, 9, 10, 11,
Danoll Invenels	11510	001001 10 0	93,140	2,896,133	X	4, 14, 17
			5,445	169,300	X	4, 13, 17
			11,250	350,000	X	4, 2, 5, 12, 1
Sun Trusts			11,200	230,000	41	·, 2, 9, ±2, ±
Banks Inc.	Com	867914 10 3	69 , 259	2,344,600	X	4, 14, 17
Danks IIIC.	COIII	201714 10 3	25,404	860,000	X	4, 2, 5, 17
Torchmark Corp.	Com	891027 10 4	3,467	77,551	X	1, 4, 14, 17
TOTOLIMATE COTP.	COIII	001021 10 1	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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			Column 4	Column	Column 6 Investment Discretion	
Column 1		Column 3 CUSIP	Market Value (In	Column 5 Shares or Principal	(b) (c) (a) Shared- Shared-	
Name of Issuer			Thousands)	Amount \$	Sole Defined Other	Other Manag
US Bancorp	Com	902973 30 4	582,916	23,307,300	X	4, 2, 5, 17
•			519,428			4, 14, 17
			209,209			4
				10,000,000		4, 3, 17, 19,
				2,174,000		4, 2, 5, 12, 1
				1,745,000		4, 18
				1,191,300		4, 9, 10, 11,
USG Corporation Union Pacific	Com	903293 40 5	137,260	17,072,192	X	4, 14, 17
Corp. United Parcel	Com	907818 10 8	425,707	8,906,000	X	4, 2, 5, 17
Service Inc. United Health	Com	911312 10 6	78 , 835	1,429,200	Χ	4
Group Inc. Wabco Holdings	Com	91324P 10 2	167,580	6,300,000	X	4, 9, 10, 11,
Inc. Wal-Mart	Com	92927K 10 2	42,633	2,700,000	X	4, 9, 10, 11,
Stores, Inc.	Com	931142 10 3	1,065,045	18,998,300	X	4, 14, 17
			53,033		X	4, 9, 10, 11,
Washington Post						
Co.	Cl B	939640 10 8	•	894,304		4, 14, 17
			57,878			4, 5, 1, 6, 14
			252,946			4, 13, 17
			14,433	36,985	X	4, 15, 17
Wells Fargo &	~	^ 4 O E 4 C 1 O 1	1 576 060			. ^ 5 17
Co. Del	Com	949746 10 1			X	4, 2, 5, 17
			372,722			4, 3, 17, 19,
				38,313,040		4, 13, 17
				2,788,000	X	4, 15, 17
			29,480		X	4, 17
				129,181,488	X	4, 14, 17
				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 77,596	8,000,000	X X	4
			58,960	2,700,000 2,000,000	X	4, 2, 5, 12, 1
Wellpoint Inc.	Com	949773V 10 7	201,268	4,777,300	X	4, 18 4, 9, 10, 11,
Wesco Finl Corp.	Com	950817 10 6	1,641,919	5,703,087	X	4, 3, 17

14,73	1,419
\$51,86	9,961
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GRAND TOTAL