

## Barham Family

My maternal side of the family had a long history with living and working in Bemis. The cotton mill is where my Uncle **Howard Barham** and Aunt **Lula Barham** worked the 2nd shift until they retired. My mother graduated J B Young High School and she related many stories of her days spent within school and the Bemis area. My mother, **Katherine Barham Lott**, told of the days she went to the Bemis Theater to see shows. Every time I pass by the building, I think of her.

My grandparents, **Hersie** and **Hazel Barham**, lived on Raines Spring Road, not far from 5th Street. I spent nights with them when I worked the 2nd shift at the hospital. The railroad track was just across the road from their house, and the train would come through blowing the whistle. The sound of the train traveling over those tracks was a first enough to make you jump out of bed at night; but eventually, I got used to it.

My mother told of a time during the depression when they lived close to the railroad tracks in another place close by when the hobos would ride the rails and get off wanting someone to give them some food or whatever they could get. The depression was a hard time for all, but the hobos always had someone with a generous heart and the means to spare a little food.

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1916 Feb 27 – Katherine Elizabeth Barham born in Bemis, Madison County, TN

1936 Dec 12 – Lula Mays married Howard Barham in Madison County, TN.

1940 US Census – Howard R and Lulu M Barham lived on Allen Street in Bemis, TN.

1942 City Directory – Hersie and Hazel Barham lived at 4 Jackson Street in Bemis, TN.

1942 City Directory – Howard and Lula Barham lived at 111 Allen Street in Bemis, TN.

1954-1960 City Directories – Howard R and Lula M Barham lived at 9 Sixth Street in Bemis, TN.

1958 & 1960 City Directories – Hersie and Hazel Barham lived at 557 South Missouri Street in Bemis, TN.

1969 Oct 10 – Hazel Lula Maughmer Barham died in Madison County, TN.

*<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/187658350/hazel-lula-barham> Ridgecrest Cemetery*

1974 Mar 5 – Hersie Newton Barham died in Madison County, TN.

*[https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/187658447/hersie-n\\_-barham](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/187658447/hersie-n_-barham) Ridgecrest Cemetery*

1992 Nov 12 – Truman R. Lott (husband of Katherine Barham) died in Chester County, TN.

*[https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35941871/truman-r\\_-lott](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35941871/truman-r_-lott) Chester County Memorial Gardens*

2004 Nov 5 – Katherine Elizabeth Barham Lott died in Madison County, TN.

*<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35941911/katherine-elizabeth-lott> Chester County Memorial Gardens*