

plump wife wife back home to Georgetown he started plans to care for and make a livelihood for his small and new family.

Having initiative and a sliver of business acumen, father ~~constructed~~ bought a small piece of land and erected a store. In the spring of 1909 he opened his place of business under the firm name of "M. C. Clark & Co. Since that time I've asked him <sup>what</sup> ~~what~~ the Co. stood for represented. I suppose he had hopes for his ~~new~~ son.

Father and Mother then lived in "The Old House", a ~~three~~ <sup>two</sup> roomed <sup>by</sup> dwelling that had been used by my Grandfather and Grandmother Clarke for sometime before that time. The house was <sup>made of</sup> logs but had at a later time been covered with rustic, siding which to this day has not been painted.

Needing more room, father built a small "lean to" that served as a kitchen. It was in this <sup>old</sup> house that two sisters and a brother were born. These are; Hazel, Aug. 10,

1909, Helen April 21, 1911, Clifton <sup>Shepherd</sup> March 26, 1912  
(died <sup>at the</sup> ~~Blount~~ <sup>later</sup>)