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Letter written by JO Corell to his daughter Maggie. JO Corell was Charlie (Pops) Graham's grandfather and Maggie was Pops' mother. Pops was 7 years old at this time and his family had moved to Hamilton, VA from Tazewell in 1904. Benbow is in the Tazewell area.

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