

Letter to WR Graham from neighboring farmer
Edgar McCray. WR & Maggie are moving their
family from Tazewell to the "Graham Farm"
east of Hamilton.

Paeonian Springs Va. Jan 26, 1904

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