

Ms Graham

Paeonian spg 1<sup>st</sup> Jan

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Letter written to WR Graham from Edgar McCray, who apparently farmed the land WR bought when moving from Tazewell to Loudoun. This would be the Graham farm east of Hamilton. Mrs Mercier seems to be the owner of the land. The letter was probably written in 1904.

Paeonian Springs, Va Jan

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Seed wheat - 82 bush - 80¢	65.60
7 1/2 tons Guano @ 19 1/2 per ton	146.25
8 bush Timothy seed 2 <sup>00</sup>	16.00
Fox's share 1/3	22.785
Do Fox work	75.95
	36.50
	112.45

50 Acres seeded, I used a higher grade Guano on H Point than on Home farm

Brown's - Guano & Seed bill on St Mercier & C Mercier farms including 2 1/2 tons Guano & about 3 bush Seed in barn owned jointly by you & St Mercier

	57.68
Total	\$170.13

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