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A letter written by W.R. Graham to his first wife Ella, and to his mother. Ella died Dec. 12, 1888.

Tazewell, VA July 21st, 1886

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