Aniteil States Marshal's Office, deal better then Western District of Virginia, Western District of Virginia, Tazewell C. A., Va., July 31 1886 S. L. GRAHAM, U. S. MARSHAL. My Dear Ella. I just got back from my trip to Craig + was so sorry to hear that you have that troubles with your bowels. I want to see you so bad I don't Know what to do. Be sure to send after me if you get any ways bad, When I got on the train at Salem, I was very glad to find Pap on it on his way back from Harnsonburg We got to Graham daybefore yesterday at 2 F.m. and stay -ed untel yesterday evening, trying to renh a house to move in. There is no vacant house at present, but we theave 4 or 5 chances to get one in about a month. We want to get ready to move about the 10th of Sept. if possible. I think I can get Deo. Bailey's hack to bring you & Mother up in. I will stack to Wytherette about tuesday to the convention. We will have to go to Danville Court 24" of august, + wel probably be gone about 10 days, when we get back from them we want to move immediately if we can get a house. I I doub think we will have much trouble in getting one by that time. I know you and mother are getting so lone--some, but 4 or 5 weeks is not long to wait, + 20 you must Keep in good spirito. Consin Daw + Cousin Lizgie started to Hunter Springs ejecterday & we brought their buggy back from Isaham. Sap has improved since

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

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