

United States Marshal's Office,

Western District of Virginia,

S. L. GRAHAM, U. S. MARSHAL.

Tazewell Co. Va., July 31st 1886

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

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