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Letter written by WR Graham to his father, SL Graham.

Golden Spring, Va. Aug 28, 1885

Dear Pap,

Your letter of the 21st just came to hand today. We have been anxiously looking for you and mother all week, and I hope you will both certainly come next week. Did you receive the registered letter I sent you containing witness claims last week? Politics are getting pretty lively here. You have doubtless heard by this time that J.J. Childress is the nominee for the legislature. I do not think he was as available as some others would have been, but nevertheless he is going to make it lively for Tom Ratliff in this County. Some people think that Childress will carry the County by a small majority. Tom Ratliff will not get as large a vote in the County as I thought he would. He will have to use a good deal of money if he gets much of a majority.

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Affectionately, W. R. Graham