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My dear Mr. Sloane:-

Your inquiry of the 4th inst. with regard to the Pomeroy stamp, reached me today via Cooperstown, where a middle initial was invented for me, which I do not have, and so appeared in New York History.

I can say quite definitely that the George Eltwed Pomeroy for whom the stamp was made, was born Sept 16, 1807 and died Jan 12, 1886, so could not have been the ~~writer~~ writer of a letter dated in 1894. These dates are in print in the large Pomeroy genealogy, which carries something about the stamp, and is <sup>doubtless</sup> ~~perhaps~~ in the New York Public Library. It would also probably show if he had a son, George E. Jr.

As to your further questions, there is nobody now alive who could give you an absolute answer. But my quite definite recollection is that my mother, who took over the business of Gavit & Co. in Albany upon the death of her husband Joseph Gavit 1802-1857 sold to the Scott company the fat package of stamps and the plate, which were found in the

The value of the stamps, these were on the  
the thin bond paper which distinguishes them.  
My recollection is that there were enough to make  
your argument perfectly good. But of course  
that is now all sixty year old history, and  
I am quite well aware of the treachery of  
memory. But somebody has to prove the  
contrary, though I was in my early teens at the  
time.

That is the best I can do on your  
questions.

Cordially yours,

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A hazy recollection says there was another  
larger red stamp or label with a locomotive  
and cars on it, in the same package. But I  
have never seen a reproduction of it, so think  
it must have been an express label