

# Guide to the Samuel Clarke Pomeroy Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1196

**CREATOR:** Pomeroy, S. C. (Samuel Clarke), 1816-1891

**TITLE:** Samuel Clarke Pomeroy papers

**DATES:** 1865-1895

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, legal and financial papers relating to Samuel Clarke Pomeroy's personal affairs and bribery charges brought against him in the U.S. Senate.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated along with the Bowers Family Papers (MS 1194) by the Bowers family.

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## Biographical / Historical

Samuel Clarke Pomeroy was a Kansas Free-State advocate and U.S. Senator. He was born in Southamptton, Massachusetts, on January 3, 1816. In 1842, he joined the Liberty Party and served in local Massachusetts offices. He moved to Kansas in 1854 and in 1856, became a delegate to first Republican National Convention. Between 1858 and 1859, he served as mayor of Atchison, Kansas. Pomeroy became the first U.S. Senator from Kansas. He opposed Lincoln in 1864, instead promoting Salmon Chase. In 1867 and again in 1873, he was reelected to Senate, but was then charged with bribery and forced to resign. In 1884, he was nominated for president by the American Prohibition National Convention. He died on August 27, 1891.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection is made up of subject files containing legal and financial papers of Samuel Clarke Pomeroy, as well as related correspondence. The earliest material consists of bills, receipts, letters, petitions, and other papers stemming from charges of bribery brought against Pomeroy after his reelection to the Senate in 1867 and again in 1873. The remaining subject files all deal with Pomeroy's involvement, as attorney, agent, or investor, in a variety of financial and legal affairs; these are detailed on the folder list which follows. Included in the files are correspondence, agreements, financial documents, and similar papers. The files are arranged chronologically.

These papers came to Yale University with the papers of Edward A. Bowers (Ms. Gr. No. 1194). There is one letter from Bowers in this collection, in folder 10; he appears to have been acting as Mrs. Pomeroy's attorney.

## Collection Contents

### Subject files

b. 1, f. 1	<a href="#">Settlement of bribery cases against Pomeroy</a>	1867-1875
b. 1, f. 2	<a href="#">Compensation of Pomeroy as attorney for William McGarrahan</a>	1877, 1891
b. 1, f. 3	<a href="#">Chiriqui Claim, Costa Rica</a>	1881, 1888
b. 1, f. 4	<a href="#">Claims of the Choctaw Nation against the United States government</a>	1882-1883
b. 1, f. 5	<a href="#">Denver and Eastern Railway and Coal Company</a>	1883
b. 1, f. 6	<a href="#">Claims by La Abra Mining Company against the government of Mexico</a>	1884-1892, undated
b. 1, f. 7	<a href="#">Bill to erect a Timby tower to protect New York harbor</a>	1886
b. 1, f. 8	<a href="#">New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Vicksburg Railroad Company</a>	1888, 1892, undated
b. 1, f. 9	<a href="#">Organization of the New Mausoleum Company</a>	1890
b. 1, f. 10	<a href="#">Isthmian Pacific Railway Company (mainly correspondence from General S. C. Boynton)</a>	1890-1895
b. 1, f. 11	<a href="#">Bill on timber lands</a>	[1893?]
b. 1, f. 12	<a href="#">Contract for construction of the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad</a>	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Business  
Lawyers  
Railroads

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Politics and government

### **Occupations**

Legislators  
Politicians

### **Names**

Pomeroy, S. C. (Samuel Clarke), 1816-1891

### **Corporate Bodies**

United States. Congress. Senate  
United States. Congress (Expulsion)