

*State Tax Commissioner*: BUCHANAN SCHLEY (Democrat), of Washington county.

Governor Hamilton's successor in the leadership of the Democratic party in Washington county was Buchanan Schley. This gifted man began his political career in 1879, when still young. That year he was nominated for State's Attorney for Washington county, but was defeated by John F. A. Remley, the Republican candidate. Soon afterwards he disputed with Governor Hamilton the leadership of the county conventions, and more than once was victorious over the friends and supporters of the veteran leader. After Governor Hamilton's death and down to the present time Mr. Schley's leadership has been almost undisputed. Only three times has Mr. Schley been an office holder, and not often an office seeker. He was appointed by President Cleveland Surveyor of the Port of Baltimore. In 1901 he was Superintendent of the State Census, and in 1902 he was elected Tax Commissioner of the State of Maryland. Mr. Schley is the youngest son of Frederick A. Schley, and his second wife, Miss Hall, a granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Pottinger, sister of Judges John and Thomas Buchanan. The sister of Buchanan Schley's mother was the wife of Col. George Schley, half brother of Buchanan Schley.