

Robert Patterson Graham, the newly appointed Secretary of State, is of high standing at the Baltimore bar, and has been for years a leader in the councils of the Republican party. Mr. Graham comes of Pennsylvania and Maryland ancestry, and his entire career has been identified with the interests of his native State—the old colony of the Calverts.

Samuel A. Graham, father of Robert Patterson Graham, came in 1848 from Pennsylvania to Maryland and became a member of the bar of this State. When the Civil War broke out he was State's Attorney of Somerset county, but resigned in order to enlist in the Union Army. He was a staunch Loyalist, and was one of the few men who relinquished office to fight for the Old Flag. He married Louisa Collier, a native of Maryland.

Robert Patterson, son of Samuel A. and Louisa (Collier) Graham, was born April 7, 1868, in Salisbury, Maryland, and received his education under the guidance of private tutors. His professional training was obtained in the Law School of the University of Maryland, from which he graduated in 1888, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1895, during the Lowndes campaign, he was elected comptroller of the treasury, in which office he was succeeded by Governor Goldsborough. In 1898 he was elected State Tax Commissioner, and during his incumbency succeeded in collecting many back dues, thus succeeded in securing for the State considerable sums of money. He was succeeded in the office by Colonel Buchanan Schley.

During the campaign of 1911, which witnessed the election of Governor Goldsborough, Mr. Graham was among the foremost of those who labored for the restoration of the Republican party. In January, 1912, he was appointed by Governor Goldsborough, Secretary of State.

Mr. Graham married in 1895 Caroline Riggs Dorsey, of Baltimore, and they are the parents of four children: Margaret Dorsey, born September 29, 1896; Eleanor Patterson, born March 24, 1899; Alice Collier Graham, born December 29, 1906, and Robert P. Graham, Jr., born January 17, 1912.