

# FORMER MARYLAND SENATOR SUCCUMBS

John P. T. Mathias Dies In  
Walkersville—Long  
Ill.

SERVED STATE 10 YEARS

On Important Committees At  
Annapolis—G. O. P. Leader And  
Prominent In Business.

Frederick, Jan. 21 (Special).—John P. T. Mathias, 78, Thurmont, for eight years State Senator and two years a member of the House of Delegates, died at the home of Herbert E. Smelser, Walkersville, his attendant, last night after a long period of failing health. His illness began with a stroke of paralysis about nine years ago and since then he had been an invalid.

#### On Important Bodies.

Long a leader in Republican politics and prominent in business life, Mr. Mathias was one of the best-known citizens of the county. He was a close political friend of the late Judge John C. Motter, for many years Republican leader in this county, and possessed a personality that attracted a wide circle of friends.

During the eight years he was State Senator he was a member of the commission that supervised remodeling the State House, Annapolis, and was also a member of the commission that erected the State Armory in this city. He was first elected to the Senate in 1907. Four years later he was reelected. He was a member of the House of Delegates at the session of 1901. His long service in the Legislature brought him recognition throughout the State, and at different times he sponsored and had enacted numerous constructive laws. He was mentioned as a candidate for Congress, but serving his constituents in the Legislature seemed to appeal to him more than the Congressional field. In 1908 he was vice-president of the Maryland delegation to the Republican National Convention at Chicago. He was a son of the late Philip Mathias and was born on a farm near Creagerstown. After a private and public school education he became a traveling salesman for a Baltimore firm and later became a member under the name of Buck & Mathias, hat dealers.

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In 1893 he retired, returned to this county and settled at Thurmont, where he devoted much time to real estate in this section and in West Virginia.

In 1879 he married Miss Elizabeth Agnes McCurdy, daughter of the late Charles McCurdy, Charles Town, W. Va., who, with one son, Charles McC. Mathias, a well-known attorney and banker, survive. Six sisters and one brother also survive.

The funeral will take place from the home of his sister, Mrs. C. Newton Thomas, this city, Sunday afternoon.