



WILLIAM S. BACOT.  
Ex-County Road Engineer.

WILLIAM SINCLAIR BACOT, member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, was born at East Orange, N. J., April 19th, in the year 1860.

His family is descended from the French Huguenots, of Touraine, France, who settled in the colony of South Carolina, at Charleston, in the year 1694.

His father, Robert C. Bacot, came north in 1838 and married Mary Gilchrist, likewise of French descent, the granddaughter of John Vacher, a surgeon who served with the Continental army in the Revolution. He took up his residence in New York and subsequently in New Jersey, where he and his family have lived ever since. Robert C. Bacot, following his profession, now holds the position of chief engineer of the Riparian Commission of the state of New Jersey, to which he was appointed in 1865.

William Sinclair Bacot was schooled in Hudson county, New Jersey, and entered Princeton College in the year 1877.

After pursuing a course of engineering in that institution he was graduated in the year 1881. Several years later he received from that college the degree of Civil Engineer.

For the first five years after his college career Mr. Bacot devoted his time to the study of engineering, practicing meanwhile in the capacity of assistant on several important public works. He first filled the place of second assistant on the construction of the Hackensack water-works under Charles B. Brush, C. E., now vice-president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and afterward as first assistant on the water-works of Greenwich, Conn., Mount Vernon, and Fishkill, N. Y. In the course of events he became chief engineer of the last three mentioned works, which position he still holds on those at Greenwich. While so acting many other engineering projects have fallen to his task, prominent among which may be noticed the preliminary planning of the new water supply for the city of Albany, and the construction of a system of Telford roads in the village of Lenox, Mass.

Shortly after the passage of the county roads act in June 1890, he was appointed to the position of county engineer, by the board of supervisors, of Richmond county. The results of his efforts are too well-known to need further description.

Mr. Bacot is a Mason, a member of Tompkins Lodge No. 471, F. & A. M., and is also enrolled in the membership of many other organizations on the Island and elsewhere.