



HENRY P. MORRISON,
County Engineer of Roads.

HENRY PRENTICE MORRISON was born in Troy, N. Y., on January 14th, 1858.

His early education consisted of a course in the public schools of New York city, from which he was graduated in 1873. From here he went to Clark's Academy, graduating in 1876, when he entered the University of the City of New York as a freshman, graduating in 1880 and having two degrees conferred on him, namely, Bachelor of Science and Civil Engineer. While an under-graduate of the University he was twice president of the Philomatheon Society, a member of the Psi-Upsilon Fraternity and was selected by the faculty to represent the University in oratory at the inter-collegiate contest of 1880, receiving second award at the contest, there being ten colleges represented.

After his graduation from the University Mr. Morrison received a position with John S. Bogert, then secretary of the American Society of Civil Engineers, as secretary to that gentleman. His health being poor he sought active field work and secured an engagement on the Eastern Shore railroad of Maryland and there remained until he was appointed to the department of public works in New York city, being assigned to the bureau of sewers. He followed sewerage engineering for eighteen months and was then promoted and transferred to the paving department, becoming first assistant to Horace Loomis, then engineer in charge of paving in New York city. For the past eleven years he has made a specialty of paving and road building, refusing all offers of transfer to other departments, in many cases valuable, in order that he might stay at his specialty, and has planned, estimated for, and performed the engineering work on over six million dollars' worth of pavement of all classes, an experience in that line such as few engineers in the United States have had. He has also built up a large private clientele, among whom are some of the heaviest quarry and iron contractors in the country.

In the spring of 1893, Mr. Morrison was appointed county road engineer of Richmond county. Although he has held this office but a few months the evidence of his skill in road building is seen in every part of the county.

It is safe to say that Richmond county has no more industrious or competent official than Road Engineer Morrison.

Mr. Morrison, when not engaged in his professional duties, devotes his time to his family, a wife and two daughters, Edna Belle, two and one-half years old, and Ruth Von Eiff, four months old, "papa's boys" as they are affectionately termed.