

Shortridge Hardesty



Shortridge Hardesty was born on September 13, 1854 in Weston, Missouri to John H. and Bertie Malin (Railey) Hardesty.

He received a Bachelor of Arts from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1905, a Doctor of Laws, from that university in 1928, a C.E. degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1908, and a D.E. degree in 1951 from Union College in 1949.

Hired by Waddell & Harrington, Consulting Engineers in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1908 as a draftsman-designer, he remained in that position until 1916, when he was promoted to Design Engineer. In 1912 and 1913 he oversaw the design of the Colorado Street Bridge over the Arroyo Seco in Pasadena, California.

When Waddell & Harrington dissolved the partnership, circa 1915, Waddell continued practicing under his own name, and Hardesty stayed with him. Waddell moved his office in 1920 to New York City accompanied by Hardesty, who remained in his employment as Associate engineer from 1920-1926, when Waddell entered into a partnership with him as Waddell & Hardesty.

Waddell died in 1938 and Hardesty continued the business under that name for another 7 years until 1945, when he took in as a partner Clinton D. Hanover, who had been hired by Waddell & Hardesty in 1924, and who was chief of the bureau of bridge design for New York City at the time of the partnership.

The firm name was then changed to Hardesty & Hanover.