

HOVHANNES GHORGHANYAN



HOVHANNES GHORGHANYAN was born in Tiflis in 1833 in an ancestral aristocratic family. He finished Tiflis real gymnasium. In 1854 he entered the state service in Tiflis; afterwards he got a job in Yerevan with the Yerevan district school of Caucasus educational okrug. Later the school was reorganized into a classical progymnasium, where H. Ghorghanyan worked as a warden and then as a teacher until 1885.

He combined his job with the service in the office of Yerevan Military Governor holding responsible positions and performing special assignments. H. Ghorghanyan achieved the rank of State Counsellor.

In 1887 H. Ghorghanyan organized and headed municipal self-government of Yerevan by edict of the Caucasus Viceroy, and in October 1879 he was assigned Mayor of Yerevan. The first Mayor of Yerevan held the office until September 1884.

H. Ghorghanyan was decorated with orders of Saint Ann of the Third Class and Saint Stanislaus of the Second and Third Classes and commemorative medals of Russian-Turkish war of 1853-1856.