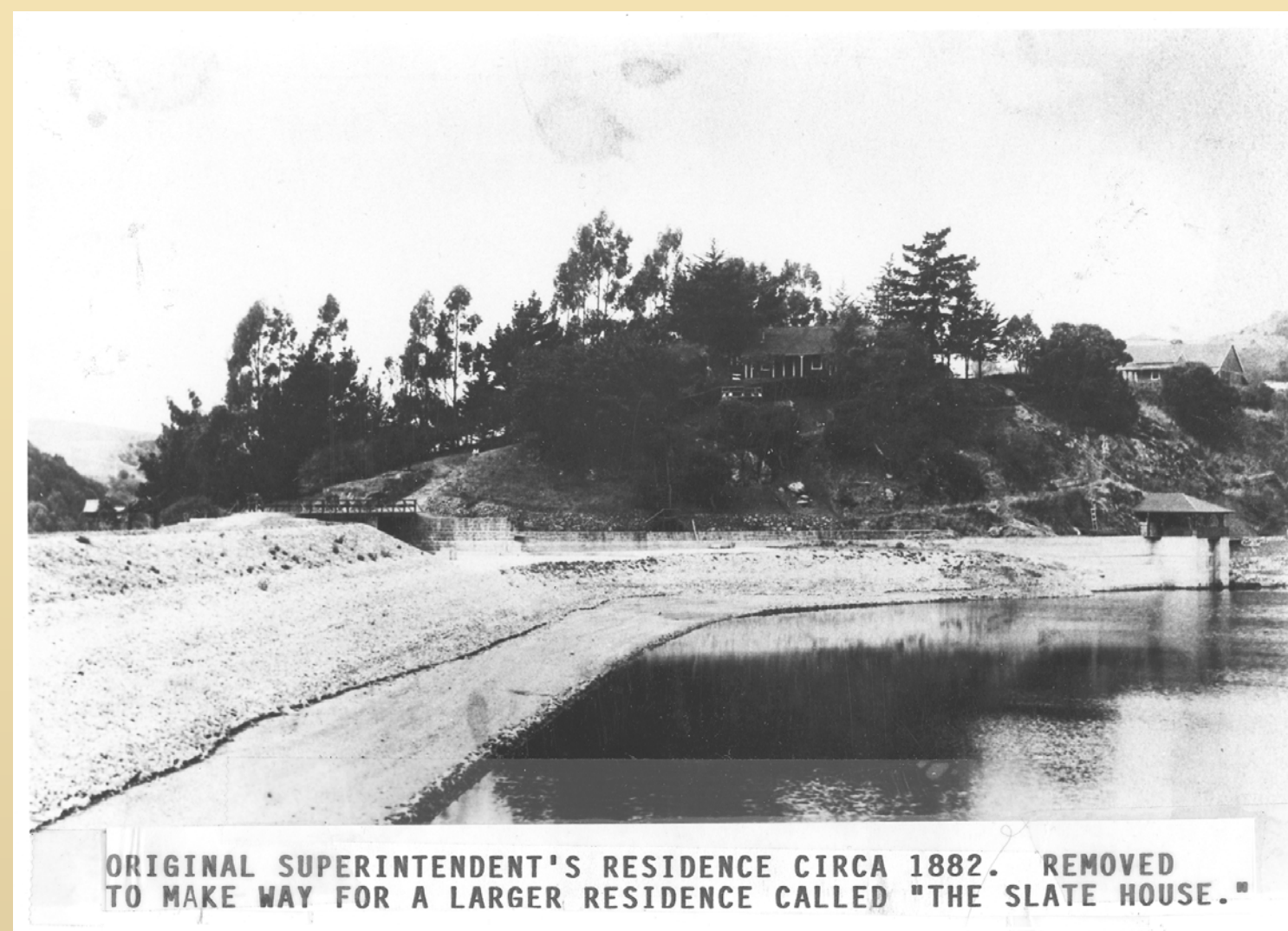


# A Zoo, a Monkey, and a Mansion Here Too!



ORIGINAL SUPERINTENDENT'S RESIDENCE CIRCA 1882. REMOVED TO MAKE WAY FOR A LARGER RESIDENCE CALLED "THE SLATE HOUSE."

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During the dam's construction, a wheelwright shop, blacksmith shop, barn, offices, superintendent's cottage, and overseers residences sat on this hill. The first superintendent to live here was Frank Boardman, son of William Boardman, the dam's chief engineer.



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Interior of the Slate House in the 1920s.

Since the operation of Chabot reservoir in 1876, four different water companies have managed the lake. Their staff led colorful lives on this hill as they kept an eye on this valuable resource.



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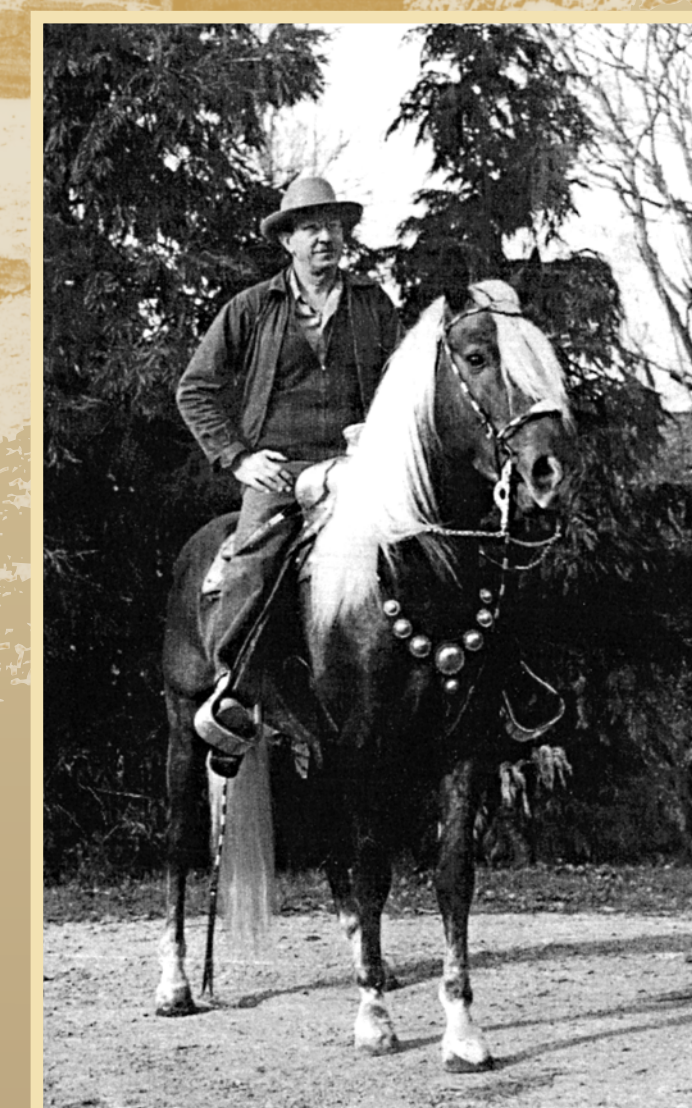
In 1904, William Dingee, then head of CCWC, tore down the superintendent's cottage and replaced it with the "Slate House" designed by Oakland architect Walter J. Matthews. Black slate shingles from Dingee's Eureka quarry covered its roof and sides. George Logan of the People's Water Company became the first superintendent to live in the mansion. His stepson, Walter Wood, watched wide-eyed from the hill as the lake water "stood up" during the great earthquake of 1906.

Did you know that when Anthony Chabot died in 1888, the funeral procession from 12th and Webster in downtown Oakland to the Mountain View Cemetery was the longest in Oakland's history up to that time, and possibly to the present?



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East Bay Water Company Picnic at Chabot, 1924. The second slate house family, EBWC President George Wilhem and wife Rosina, threw lavish parties and dinner dances for company staff during the "Roaring Twenties." Guests could be found lounging at "Diana's Temple," enjoying the aviary and zoo, or dodging the monkey that was known to run the grounds.



Thomas Oliver

In 1928 management of Lake Chabot shifted to the public hands of East Bay Municipal Utility District. "Range Rider" Bill Noia lived at the Slate House with his family and patrolled the watershed lands on his horse "Lord Chabot." During the war years, the house was unoccupied and in 1950 was torn down, with parts salvaged for several homes in Castro Valley.

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