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.

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.

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.