

The National Slate Association is pleased to bring you this 2009 reprint of *Slate Roofs*. First published in 1926, this work is a timeless classic, possessing significant historical importance to our Association and our industry. It has served as an invaluable resource for establishing slate roofing standards and practices, specifications, and building codes. It still stands as one of the best guides for restoration, repair, and maintenance of existing slate roofs. To preserve the integrity of the publication, it has not been altered, except for the inclusion of this brief foreword and the rotation of the brackets shown in Figure 14 to show their correct orientation on the roof.

Much has changed in the roofing industry since *Slate Roofs* was first published. And, while much of the information presented in the pages that follow is as accurate and useful today as it was in 1926, some of the materials and methods referred to are no longer standard practice or state of the art. We would, therefore, encourage you to use this reprint more for historical reference than as a design manual. For more current information please visit our website, www.slateassociation.org, or refer to recent publications, such as the National Roofing Contractors Association's *Roofing and Waterproofing Manual* and the National Slate Association's forthcoming new edition of *Slate Roofs, Design and Installation Manual*.

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FOREWORD

T*THIS publication is the result of the active co-operation of architects, slate producers and distributors, roofing contractors, governmental departments, manufacturers of accessories and many individual authorities. To all of these The National Slate Association expresses its sincere appreciation of their support and interest.*

The essence of all this information supplied to the Association and to the Structural Service Bureau and its consulting architect, has been incorporated in the book to the fullest extent possible.

In offering this handbook on slate roofs the National Slate Association has been actuated by the desire to supply reliable and definite information on slate and its proper application. It is hoped that this publication will make for the more extensive and appropriate use of slate as a practical, economical and attractive roofing medium besides supplying information on formation and quarrying to users of this invaluable and most unique stone.

For the further benefit of the industry and of all specifiers and users of roofing slate, recommendations concerning the arrangement and contents, which may make later editions of this publication of even more practical use or widen its scope, will be received with appreciation by

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Each illustration in this book has been carefully selected from the large number of photographs available for the sole purpose of making clear some particular point in the text. For this reason the names of the Architect, Slate Producer and Contractor have been omitted, but can be furnished by the Association if desired.

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