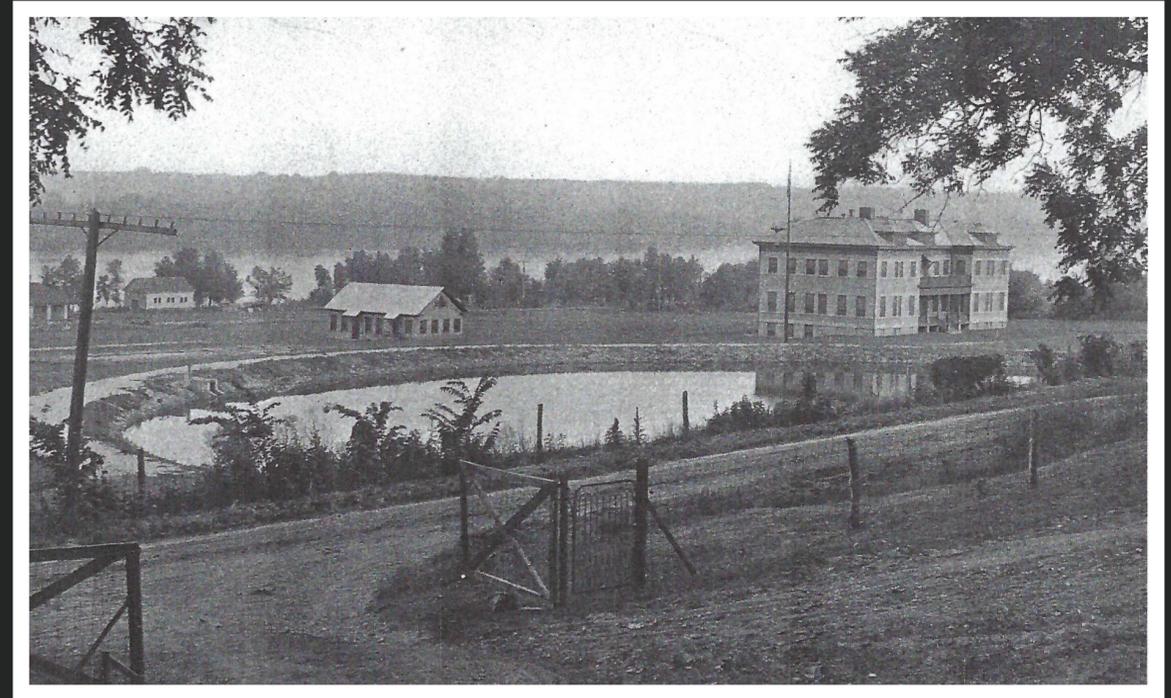


#9. Living Quarters Entrance

The main entrance (behind and to the right) to the living quarters was located at the top of a small rise along the highway, halfway between the eastern and western boundaries. Coker's 1916 photograph from this location shows the main reservoir in the foreground with the permanent laboratory, pumphouse, other buildings, and the Mississippi River in the background. After the first laboratory burned in 1917, Oscar Grosshiem selected this vantage point to take numerous panoramic photographs of the biological station during the grand opening for the second laboratory 1920. Many decades later, a photograph from this same location indicated the reservoir, pumphouse, and grounds remained essentially unchanged although the second laboratory was demolished in 1974, when management of the property was transferred from USFWS to the Iowa DNR. The pumphouse was demolished in August 2021.



Overview of Fairport Biological Station ca. 1914, facing southwest.



Overview of Reservoir and Main Laboratory in 1920, facing southwest.



Overview of new Fish Ponds and facilities in 1953, facing southwest.

