



**Left:** Volunteers shore one of two remaining workers' cabins prior to performing work on its foundation. **Above:** In the mid-1800s, Santa Cruz County was the largest lime manufacturing area in California. **Photos:** Frank Perry

shop, the cookhouse and the workers' cabin. A lot of clothing fasteners have turned up, plus dietary materials, bottles, cans, bones and shells — just last week a whole pile of tobacco cans was discovered, one of which contained a man's gold

ring. Volunteers will be digging again on July 11.

While "Lime and Lime Kilns in California History" (<http://limeworks.ucsc.edu>) was originally conceived as an academic conference, Perry made it clear that laymen and

professional alike would be welcome, with proceeds going to aid in the restoration projects.

"They're at a point now where we either save them or they'll be gone," said Perry. "It's a now or never situation." ■