The Bonham Kiln #2 11655 Paine Road

For centuries, lime was an essential ingredient in many aspects of life and work - such as farming, building and manufacturing.

On the property at Domenico's Winery is an in-tact lime kiln built in 1859 by J.H. Bonham (a direct descendant of Daniel Boone). The Bonham Kiln #2 was operational until the late 1940's. The lime, native to Amador County, was harvested from the surrounding property and burned in the intermittent stone kiln, producing plaster and mortar from the limestone. It was used almost exclusively in the buildings of Amador County and was delivered by wagons from the kilns, with none of it shipped out of the county. In 1904, the total production from the kiln was 1,700 barrels of lime as reported by L.E. Aubrey, California State Mineralogist and the Department of Geology.

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