



Archaeology is the study of objects from the past. It can tell about the daily life of people who are often left out of the history books: children, women, and Native American workers. 30,000 rancho objects from the site are catalogued in a thesis about Peralta Hacienda by Cheryl Smith-Lintner, and many are on display at the Peralta House.



Cow bones, both burnt and unburnt, leave small traces of the Peralta's extensive *rancho*.



The Peralta's trash pits included fragments of luxury ceramics, which the Peraltas traded for their cowhides and tallow.