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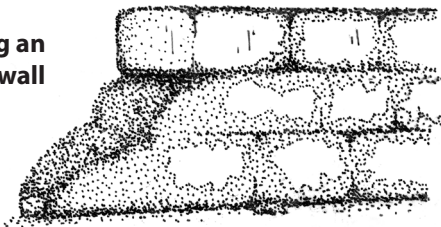
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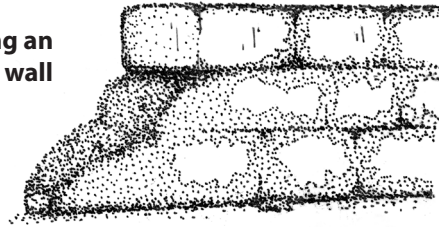
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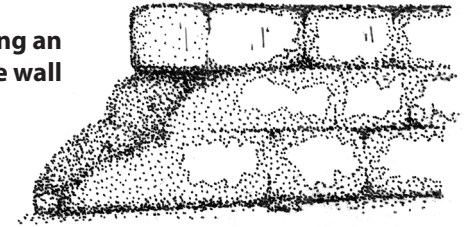
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rooms and hallways as people did 200 years ago!

### **Do Adobe Buildings Need Our Help?**

Adobe buildings take a lot of work to restore and maintain. Without this work, adobes will not be around in the future to serve as reminders of California's past. California State Parks preserves a number of adobes across the state, and the department is in the process of restoring others, so future generations can be inspired by these old buildings. You can volunteer to help the restoration.

### **Where Can I See Adobe Buildings?**

- Castro Adobe Park Property
- El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park
- Fort Tejon State Historic Park
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