

Key: 2004 PCR Historical Resources Assessment; 1982 [Historic Resources Inventory](#); 1990 [Historic Property Evaluation](#); [History of Wildomar](#)

- Intro
 - Description
 - Rudolph J Brown Residence
 - Original address: 22060 Grand Avenue
 - No architect or builder identified
 - (1982) given National Register of Historic Places rating of 3 –eligible for listing
 - Modest folk Victoria farmhouse
 - Vernacular style architecture common to farmhouses in the time period
 - Farmhouse
 - Constructed in 1886
 - the residence is typical of modest Folk Victorian farmhouse dwellings built during the late 19th and early 20th century in agricultural areas throughout Southern California. The one-story house, primarily rectangular in plan, is of wood-frame construction on a raised foundation surrounded by a skirt of vertical boards. A moderately-pitched, cross-gabled roof caps the dwelling. Exterior walls are sheathed in wide horizontal boards, narrow clapboard siding, and vertical boards. Fenestration includes a mixture of wood-framed, double-hung sash, multi-pane fixed, and metal-framed sliding windows. Roof elements include overhanging boxed eaves, a molded cornice, and horizontal slat vents in the gable peaks. The broad, sheltered open porches located on the north and west elevations have been enclosed, and a perimeter concrete walkway surrounds the house.
 - Water tower
 - A free-standing, two-story water tower, square in plan, is situated near the rear (east) of the house south of the dwelling's gabled east bay. Narrow clapboard siding with corner boards sheathes the exterior walls of the structure's multi-story, flared base above the vertical board foundation skirt. Elongated, wood-framed, double-hung sash windows with plain surrounds punctuate the east and west elevations while elongated, vinyl-framed sash windows also framed with plain wood surrounds pierce the north and south elevations. The structure's only entrance is a partially glazed panel door that is recessed into the west elevation of the base. Sitting atop the large, flared supporting base is a square shaped, box-like structure sheathed in wide clapboard siding. Sheltered by a pyramidal roof, the entire space once housed an actual water tank (since removed, date unknown). A ribbon of very narrow clerestory type window/vents wrap around the upper portion of the tank enclosure. The base of the structure is currently used for storage. Based upon the materials, workmanship, construction methods, design, and style of the water tower, it appears that it was erected around the same

time as the wraparound room addition to the dwelling, circa 1936 (if not slightly earlier)

- Modifications
 - Family room: was added to the west side of house in 1953
 - Interior: remodeled bath, kitchen, and wall paneling throughout
 - Location on property
- History (chrono)
 - Physician Oscar S. Brown moved to Wildomar from Ohio in poor health with his wife Venora in 1890
 - Within a year, Dr. Brown had recuperated such that he was able to establish a medical practice within the community, reportedly one of the first in the Elsinore Valley. The Browns became one of the early pioneering families to establish deep roots in the Elsinore Valley. Their children, including Rudolph J. Brown, would carry on the family name and presence within the community for many decades to come
 - RJ Brown family resided from 1917 to 1958
 - Brown family
 - RJ Brown, eldest son, returned to Wildomar after completing his degree at UC Berk to pursue ag
 - Successful in dry farming wheat, barley, alfalfa
 - Left in 1958 to become cattle rancher in Northern California
 - Starting from the original 17-acre parcel that he purchased in 1917, by 1958, Rudolph J. Brown was farming several hundred contiguous acres stretching from South Pasadena Avenue at the south edge of the original Wildomar townsite, to Santa Rosa Street (since vacated) approximately one and a half miles to the south. In addition to the farmland surrounding the "Home Place," the 1958 Grant Deed showed that the Brown's owned hundreds of acres of land on parcels scattered throughout the Elsinore Valley.
 - Rudolph J. Brown helped organize the Riverside County Farm Bureau, was chairman of the Bureau's Water Department, and was the chairman of the Zone 7 Flood Control District. He was also instrumental in establishing the new Wildomar School and a number of parks in the area. Both Rudolph and his wife Vita also served on the Riverside County Grand Jury. Additionally, three generations of Browns served as school trustees in Wildomar: Columbus, Oscar, and Rudolph.
 - 2001: All structures but the house and water tower were destroyed to make room for development
 - Moved to present location on January 1, 2006
 - Housing
 - Historic maps, photographs, and other archival materials show that the typical dwelling constructed for new residents both in town or as farmhouses during the late 19th and early 20th century in the Elsinore and Wildomar areas was a modest

one or two-story, wood-frame residence set on a raised foundation with a gabled roof, clapboard or wide horizontal board siding, and elongated double-hung sash windows.

- Broad sheltered front porch also common
 - Relatively unadorned compared to Victorian style residences in larger/wealthier So cal cities
 - Purchased parcel on which house was built in 1917
- Conclusion from study: Because the design, materials, and workmanship of the farmhouse have been physically compromised through room additions, porch enclosures, and other alterations, the dwelling no longer reflects the Folk Victorian style sufficiently enough to convey its architectural significance adequately.