

**HISTORIC RESOURCE: BROCKMAN
CLOCK TOWER**

LOCATION: 150 feet northeast of 1605 Arbor Road.

OWNERSHIP: Private

USE: Clock Tower

LAND AREA:

ZONE: R1R-II

DESIGNATION: Glendale Register

YEAR BUILT: 1920

STYLE: Spanish Colonial Revival

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The clock tower has been a local monument for almost seventy-seven years. The history of the clock itself actually predates its association with the Arbor Road property. Its first location was in a clock tower of a stable adjoining an elegant old home on Flower Street in Los Angeles (date of construction was circa 1894). This property was owned by John Brockman. In 1920, he decided to give the home, stable, and three acres of surrounding land to Dr. Charles LeRoy Lowman, with the idea of converting the structures into an orthopedic surgery clinic. This eventually led to the founding of the Orthopedic Medical Center at the same location.

When Brockman vacated the property in 1920, he had the clock removed from its tower and transferred to his Glendale address. His home, which had been in existence since circa 1910, was a copy of castle Bwick Reim which Brockman had seen once on the Rhine in Hessen, Germany. With the arrival of the clock in 1920 Brockman had a clock tower constructed nearby which contained living quarters for the maintenance man and a garage, in addition to the clock.

At one time the Brockman estate included much of the surrounding hillside property with the land covered by orchards and gardens.



