

# Photos show Will Rogers' Los Angeles home destroyed in wildfires

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A wildfire in Los Angeles that tore through the Pacific Palisades community also destroyed a home that once belonged to Oklahoma native Will Rogers.



The Palisades Fire, [which destroyed buildings and had burned nearly 5 square miles](#), was advancing between the beach towns of Santa Monica and Malibu on Wednesday. It was one of several wildfires in Los Angeles County that was described as a "hurricane of fire."



Only the chimneys remain standing at the ranch house built by Will Rogers in Los Angeles. The Palisades Fire ripped through the estate, destroying several structures. *Will Rogers Family*

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Photos shared to Facebook show Rogers' historic ranch house was among the structures destroyed by fire.

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Now located on a state park that bears Rogers' name, the [estate also included stables](#), several utilitarian structures and an ocean view. His widow, Betty Rogers, donated the ranch to the state of California 1944 and it later became a state historic park.





Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director Trait Thompson also posted about the loss of the historic home.

"We are deeply saddened to learn about the fire that destroyed Will Rogers State Historic Park in Los Angeles, which includes Will Rogers' former home and 186 acres of land. This tragedy resonates with the Oklahoma Historical Society because Rogers (citizen of Cherokee Nation) was born in Indian Territory in 1879, and the Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore is dedicated to honoring and preserving the legacy of 'Oklahoma's Favorite Son,'" Thompson wrote. "Our thoughts are with the Will Rogers State Historic Park staff, who work directly with the Will Rogers Memorial Museum to share the story of Will Rogers and also with Rogers' family, who continue to play an active role at the Will Rogers Memorial Museum."