

Joyce Estate, Commemorative Marker  
Chippewa National Forest Road 2144,  
3 miles north of County Road 335  
Grand Rapids vicinity  
Itasca County  
Minnesota

HABS No. MN-146-E

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PHOTOGRAPH  
HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

### JOYCE ESTATE, COMMEMORATIVE MARKER

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#### PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

##### A. Physical History:

1. **Date of Erection** 1974.
2. **Original and Subsequent Owners** In 1974, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service acquired the former 4,500-acre Joyce Estate, including the site of the Commemorative Marker, for incorporation into the Chippewa National Forest.<sup>1</sup>
3. **Builders, Contractors, Suppliers** Unknown.
4. **Alterations and Additions** A metal plaque has been removed from the marker's east side.

**B. Historical Context:** Located in the Main Cabin Compound in front (southeast) of the Main Cabin (HABS No. MN-146-A), the Commemorative Marker was erected in 1974 to celebrate the Forest Service's purchase of the former Joyce Estate for public recreational use as part of the Chippewa National Forest. An undated Forest Service photograph documents that the marker's east side originally contained a metal plaque inscribed, "In Memory of Beatrice Joyce Kean and Her Father David Gage Joyce." The plaque was removed, presumably by vandals, before 1986.<sup>2</sup> For further information, see the historical overview of the Joyce Estate in HABS No. MN-146.

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#### PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

##### A. General Statement:

1. **Architectural Character** Standing three feet high, the marker is a simple, rectangular, fieldstone and concrete block, with slightly battered sides. It harmonizes well with its rustic setting.

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<sup>1</sup> "Former Joyce Estate Is Dedicated to Public," Grand Rapids Herald Review, 14 October 1974.

<sup>2</sup> Undated photograph of the Commemorative Marker, in Chippewa National Forest Headquarters Building, Cass Lake, MN. The plaque is recorded as missing in Stuart MacDonald and Jeffrey A. Hess, HABS/HAER Inventory Card for Commemorative Marker, 1986, in MacDonald and Mack Partnership, "Cultural Resource Overview, Joyce Estate," prepared for Chippewa National Forest, 1987, in Headquarters Building.

2. **Condition of Fabric** Good.

**B. Description of Exterior:**

1. **Overall Dimensions** Approximately 4'0"x2'0"x3'0" high.

2. **Foundations** Concrete and fieldstone.

3. **Walls** Concrete and fieldstone.

8. **Roof**

a. **Shape, Covering** Pyramidal concrete cap.

**D. Site:**

1. **General Setting and Orientation** Located in the center of the Main Cabin Compound, the Commemorative Marker stands on clear, level ground (formerly the estate's main front lawn), just to the southeast of the Main Cabin (HABS No. MN-146-A). For further information, see HABS No. MN-146.

**PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

**A. Interviews:** See HABS No. MN-146.

**B. Bibliography:**

1. **Primary and Unpublished Sources** See HABS No. MN-146.

2. **Secondary and Published Sources** See HABS No. MN-146.

**C. Likely Sources not yet Investigated:** See HABS No. MN-146.

**PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION** See HABS No. MN-146.