

Joyce Estate, Barn (Garage) (Workshop)
Chippewa National Forest Road 2144,
3 miles north of County Road 335
Grand Rapids vicinity
Itasca County
Minnesota

HABS No. MN-146-^AFF

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. **Date of Erection** Ca. 1925.
2. **Original and Subsequent Owners** In 1916, David Gage Joyce secured the site of the Bathhouse and nearby buildings through the services of Simeon D. Patrick, who purchased the land as an intermediary. In 1917, Joyce acquired title in his own name. After Joyce's death in 1937, the property passed to his wife Beatrice Rudolph and daughter Beatrice Clotilde. In 1946, two years before her death, Beatrice Rudolph conveyed full title to Beatrice Clotilde, who retained ownership until her own death in 1972. In 1973, the Nature Conservancy purchased the property and resold it at cost the following year to the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service for incorporation into the Chippewa National Forest.¹
3. **Builders, Contractors, Suppliers** Unknown.
4. **Alterations and Additions** Animal stalls are no longer extant.

B. Historical Context: According to the Grand Rapids Herald Review of 14 March 1917, the original plan for the Joyce Estate included a "farmhouse" and "barn." An early photograph of the farmstead shows a log-frame farmhouse (HABS No. MN-146-EE), with a log-frame, barn-like structure several yards to the north. This structure apparently was removed about 1925 to make way for the present Barn, which occupies the same site. Although the Barn's exact construction date has not been determined, its wood-frame construction with drop siding is similar to that of other buildings erected at the estate during the mid-1920s, such as the Moore Lake Cabin (HABS No. MN-146-SS). When the Barn was inventoried as part of David Gage Joyce's probate file in 1938, it had already passed from its original purpose of housing animals into a garage containing "miscellaneous tools and supplies"; "1 International Truck, 1936, Model"; and "1 1/2

¹ S.D. Patrick, Deed to David G. Joyce, 9 May 1917, Deed Book 35, 103; "In the Matter of the Estate of David Gage Joyce, Final Decree of Distribution," 30 June 1938, Book of Deeds 144, 401-406; Beatrice Rudolph Joyce, Deed to Beatrice Clotilde Joyce, 3 July 1946, Deed Book 167, 249 (all the foregoing in the Itasca County Recorder's Office, Itasca County Courthouse, Grand Rapids, MN); "Former Joyce Estate Is Dedicated to Public." Grand Rapids Herald Review, 14 October 1974.

ton truck with wood rack."² For further information, see the historical overview of the Joyce Estate in HABS No. MN-146.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. **Architectural Character** The gable roof of this tall, one-story structure is oriented on a north-south axis. The wood drop-sided walls, painted green, are supported by a cast concrete base which is dug into a hill on the west side. Trim is painted white. Barn doors are prominent on the east side. A wood frame, which possibly once supported an outdoor workbench, is attached to the eastern end of the south wall.
2. **Condition of Fabric** Fair; west slope of roof deteriorating.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. **Overall Dimensions** Approximately 28'4" by 38'5".
2. **Foundations** Concrete.
3. **Walls** The lower part of the wall is cast concrete. Above, wood drop siding is painted green.
4. **Structural System, Framing** Wood frame over cast concrete retaining wall.
5. **Porches, Stoops, Balconies, Bulkheads** A slightly sloped concrete apron extends from door jambs to the ground.
6. **Chimneys** None.
7. **Openings**
 - a. **Doorways and Doors** The east side has two large, wood-plank doors which travel sideways on overhead metal tracks. A smaller wood-plank

² "Will Build Home on 'Big Trout,'" Grand Rapids Herald Review, 13 March 1917; Joseph Waleski, Jr., Photograph Album, in Chippewa National Forest Headquarters Building, Cass Lake, MN; author's interview with Joseph Waleski, Jr., 1987; "In the Matter of the Estate of David Gage Joyce: Final Decree of Distribution," 30 June 1938.

door on the south side has come off the overhead metal track. Flat board trim is painted white.

- b. **Windows and Shutters** Two fixed-pane windows are on the west side. A four-pane window is in the north gable end. A small fixed-pane window is high in the south wall, near the wall's east end.

8. Roof

- a. **Shape, Covering** The gable roof is framed with 2" by 4" rafters and 2" by 8" tie joists at 2'0" on center, with 1" by 8" "king post" boards at every other rafter. The roof is covered with green hexagonal composition singles, and has a metal ridge roll.
- b. **Cornice, Eaves** Exposed rafter tails.
- c. **Dormers, Cupolas, Towers** None.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plans

- a. **Describe Floors** A single, rectangular room, entered from doors on the east and south.

2. Stairways None.

3. Flooring Cast concrete.

4. Wall and Ceiling Finishes Unfinished.

5. Openings

- a. **Doorways and Doors** Untrimmed.
- b. **Windows** Untrimmed.

6. Decorative Features and Trim None.

7. Hardware None.

8. Mechanical Equipment None.

D. Site:

1. **General Setting and Orientation** The Barn is located at the extreme north end of the Caretaker's Compound. About 60 feet to the south is a circular yard surrounded by a cluster of farmstead-like buildings: the Farmhouse (HABS No. MN-146-^AEE), Wood Shed (HABS No. MN-146-^AHH), Dog Kennel (HABS No. MN-146-II), Utility Buildings (HABS Nos. MN-146-^AJ, MN-146-^AKK), and Three-Car Garage (HABS No. MN-146-^ADD). To the north and east of the barn is a forested hill side. For further information, see HABS No. MN-146.
2. **Historic Landscape Design** A low cobblestone and concrete wall extends south from the southwest corner of the Barn. The wall curves east, following the contour of the adjacent hill. Another cobblestone and concrete wall is several feet behind the western wall of the Barn.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

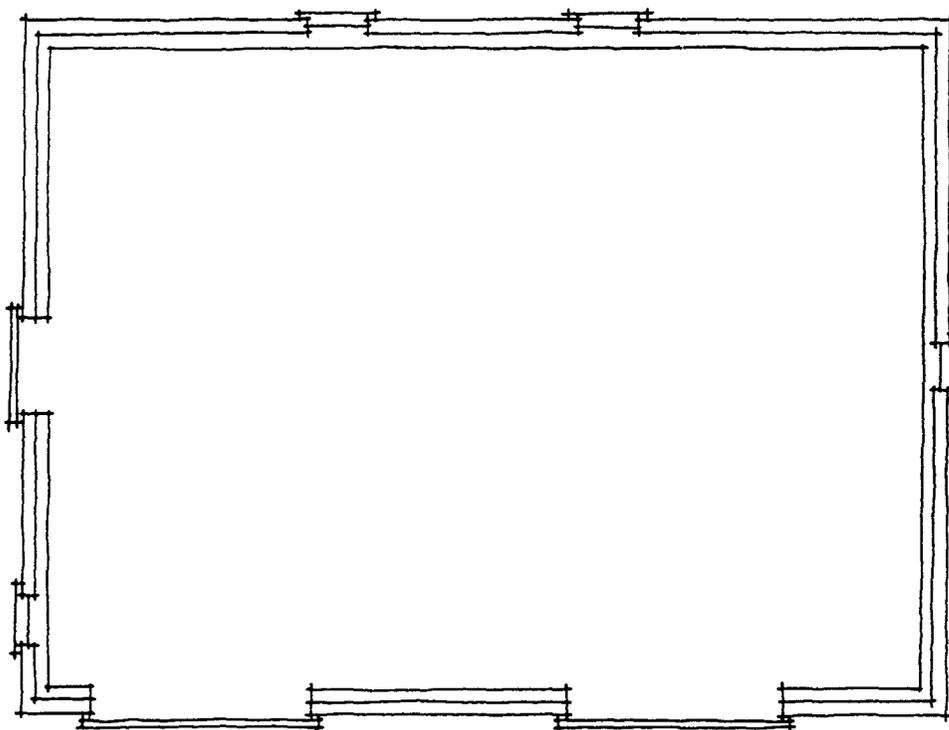
A. Interviews: See HABS No. MN-146.

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.



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SKETCH PLAN: BARN