

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

HABS No. MN-146-^AMN

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JOYCE ESTATE, GOLF CLUBHOUSE

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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 Golf Clubhouse and nearby facilities 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** None.

B. Historical Context: According to former Joyce Estate caretaker Joseph Waleski, Jr., the Golf Clubhouse was constructed about 1925, along with the neighboring nine-hole, pitch-and-putt Golf Course (HABS No. MN-146-~~OO~~^A). The Clubhouse is mentioned in a personal property inventory of the estate compiled in 1938 as part of David Gage Joyce's probate file.² For further information, see the historical overview of the Joyce Estate in HABS No. MN-146.

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.

² "In the Matter of the Estate of David Gage Joyce, Final Decree of Distribution," 30 June 1938, Book of Deeds 144, 401-406; author's interview with Joseph Waleski, Jr., Grand Rapids, MN, 22 January 1987.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. **Architectural Character** The Golf Clubhouse is a small, single-story, wood-frame building covered by a pyramidal hipped roof. The building's brown, split-log siding harmonizes with its rustic surroundings.
2. **Condition of Fabric** Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. **Overall Dimensions** Approximately 18'4" by 18'4".
2. **Foundations** Concrete piers.
3. **Walls** Split-log siding, painted brown.
4. **Structural System, Framing** Wood frame.
5. **Porches, Stoops, Balconies, Bulkheads** There is a concrete stoop before the front door, on the building's west side.
6. **Chimneys** None.
7. **Openings**
 - a. **Doorways and Doors** A three-panel wood door, with four panes of glass above (mostly broken), is centered in the front (west) side.
 - b. **Windows and Shutters** Twelve-pane casement windows flank the front door; two pairs of twelve-pane casements form a band filling the upper half of the other walls. Window boxes once ringed the building; only a few brackets remain.
8. **Roof**
 - a. **Shape, Covering** Pyramidal hipped, with composition shingles.
 - b. **Cornice, Eaves** Exposed rafter tails.

c. **Dormers, Cupolas, Towers** None.

C. **Description of Interior:**

1. **Floor Plans**

a. **Describe Floors** The building consists of a single square room, entered from the west.

2. **Stairways** None.

3. **Flooring** Wood floorboards.

4. **Wall and Ceiling Finishes** Unfinished.

5. **Openings**

a. **Doorways and Doors** No trim.

b. **Windows** No trim.

6. **Decorative Features and Trim** Triangular shelves are built into the room's corners. There are also wood racks with metal clips, which presumably once held golf clubs.

7. **Hardware** None.

8. **Mechanical Equipment** None.

D. **Site:**

1. **General Setting and Orientation** Located in the Recreation Area, the Golf Clubhouse is on a slightly elevated site overlooking Trout Lake to the south. The main entry road to the estate passes near the building's north wall. The Golf Course (HABS No. MN-146-^A~~OO~~) is to the west. For further information about the layout of the Joyce Estate, see HABS No. MN-146.

2. **Historic Landscape Design** A drinking fountain, partly disassembled and totally disconnected from the water supply, is down the hill to the southwest.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

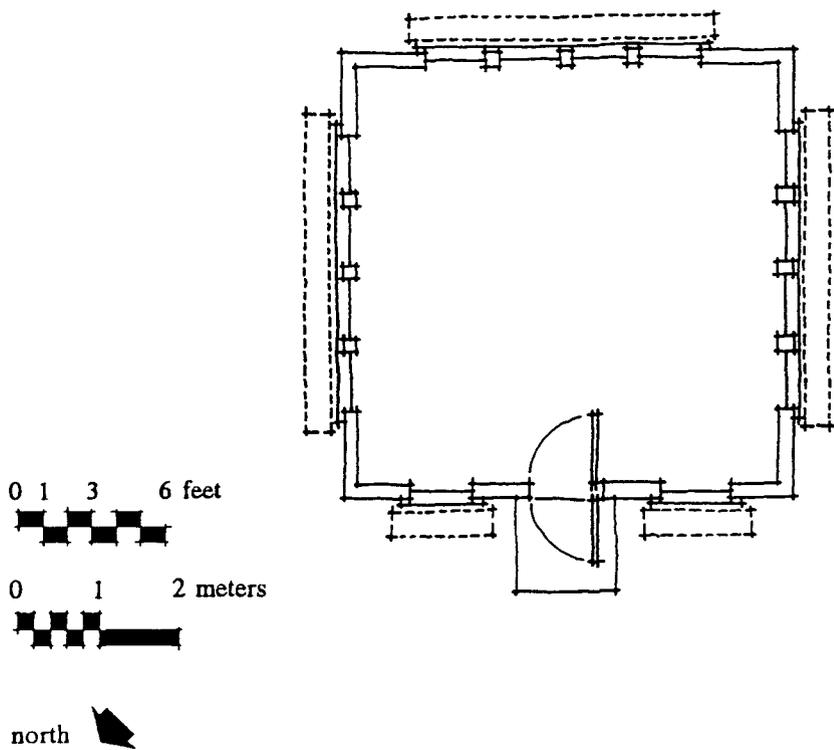
B. Bibliography:

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.



SKETCH PLAN: GOLF CLUBHOUSE