

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

HABS No. MN-146-<sup>A</sup>PP

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# HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

## JOYCE ESTATE, GOLF COURSE PUMP HOUSE

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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 Course Pump House and adjacent 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.<sup>1</sup>
3. **Builders, Contractors, Suppliers** Unknown.
4. **Alterations and Additions** No major structural alterations.

**B. Historical Context:** The building probably was constructed in the mid-1920s, when, according to former Joyce Estate caretaker Joseph Waleski, Jr., the adjoining pitch-and-putt Golf Course (HABS No. MN-146-<sup>A</sup>OO) was completed.<sup>2</sup> The Golf Course Pump House is mentioned by name in a probate inventory compiled in 1938, shortly after the death of the estate's founder, David Gage Joyce. Sited on the shore of Trout Lake, the Golf Course Pump House drew water directly from the lake and piped it to the Golf Course fairways and greens to the north and east. For further information about the Joyce Estate, see the historical overview of the complex in HABS No. MN-146.

### PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Author's interview with Joseph Waleski, Jr., Grand Rapids, MN, 22 January 1987.

**A. General Statement:**

1. **Architectural Character** Situated in the estate's Recreation Area, the Golf Course Pump House is a small, one-story, square-plan, wood-frame, gable-roofed building with a utilitarian design that matches its utilitarian function.
2. **Condition of Fabric** Fair.

**B. Description of Exterior:**

1. **Overall Dimensions** Approximately 8'4"x by 8'4".
2. **Foundations** Concrete slab.
3. **Walls** Wood drop siding, painted green, with plank trim and cornerboards painted white.
4. **Structural System, Framing** 2x4 wood frame.
5. **Porches, Stoops, Balconies, Bulkheads** None.
6. **Chimneys** None.
7. **Openings**
  - a. **Doorways and Doors** On the building's south side, there is a doorway with a door clad in green-painted drop siding; the doorway is trimmed with white-painted planks.
  - b. **Windows and Shutters** Screened awning windows on east, west, and north sides; simple plank surrounds.
8. **Roof**
  - a. **Shape, Covering** 2x4 framed gable roof with green composition shingles.
  - b. **Cornice, Eaves** Exposed 2x4 rafter ends.
  - c. **Dormers, Cupolas, Towers** None.

**C. Description of Interior:**

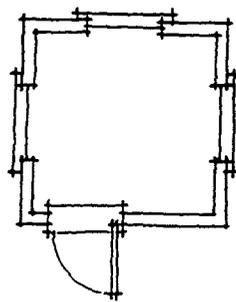
1. **Floor Plans**
    - a. **Describe Floors** The front (south) doorway leads into a small, square room containing a floor-mounted pump.
  2. **Stairways** None.
  3. **Flooring** Concrete slab.
  4. **Wall and Ceiling Finishes** Unfinished wood boards.
  5. **Openings**
    - a. **Doorways and Doors** Door clad in drop siding, painted green; unfinished plank surrounds.
    - b. **Windows** Unfinished plank surrounds.
  6. **Decorative Features and Trim** None.
  7. **Hardware** None.
  8. **Mechanical Equipment**
    - a. **Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation** Mounted on the concrete-slab floor is a 5-horsepower, 220-volt, Fairbanks Morse induction motor and water pump (serial no. F64616). Mounted on the interior north wall is a metal Cutler Hammer motor control box and a metal fuse box. The equipment's condition is unknown.
    - b. **Lighting** None.
    - c. **Plumbing** None.
- D. Site:**
1. **General Setting and Orientation** Located at the west end of the Recreation Area, the Golf Course Pump House stands on the shore of Trout Lake, about 55 feet south of the estate's main entrance road. Immediately to the north and east is the pitch-and-putt Golf Course (HABS No. MN-146-00), which the Pump House formerly watered from Trout Lake. Although the Golf Course Pump

House probably once stood in a clearing, the site is now so overgrown with saplings that the building is scarcely visible from any direction. For further information about the layout of the Joyce Estate, 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.



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SKETCH PLAN: GOLF COURSE PUMP HOUSE