

Joyce Estate, Bulb Storage Cellar  
Chippewa National Forest Road 2144,  
3 miles north of County Road 335  
Grand Rapids vicinity  
Itasca County  
Minnesota

HABS No. MN-146-X

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# HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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### PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

#### A. Physical History:

1. **Date of Erection** Ca. 1923.
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.<sup>1</sup>
3. **Builders, Contractors, Suppliers** Unknown.
4. **Alterations and Additions** Roof collapsed, walls deteriorating. The building's only doorway formerly contained a board-and-batten door, measuring approximately 2'8" by 5'0"; it was removed after 1986.<sup>2</sup>

**B. Historical Context:** This cellar was used to store bulbs for landscaping the estate. It was probably built about 1923, when the estate's Greenhouse (HABS No. MN-146-W) was erected.<sup>3</sup> For further information, see the historical overview of the Joyce Estate in HABS No. MN-146.

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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> Stuart MacDonald and Jeffrey A. Hess, HABS\HAER Inventory Card for Bulb Storage Cellar, 1986, in MacDonald and Mack Partnership and Jeffrey A. Hess, "Cultural Resource Overview, Joyce Estate," prepared for Chippewa National Forest, 1987, in Chippewa National Forest Headquarters Building, Cass Lake, MN.

<sup>3</sup> Author's interview with Joseph Waleski, Jr., Grand Rapids, MN, 27 January 1987.

## **PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

### **A. General Statement:**

1. **Architectural Character** This simple, utilitarian structure is dug into a hill, with vertical log walls holding back the surrounding earth. The roof is gone, and wild vegetation fills the interior.
2. **Condition of Fabric** Very deteriorated.

### **B. Description of Exterior:**

1. **Overall Dimensions** Approximately 8' by 10'.
2. **Foundations** The bottom of the logs that form the walls are anchored in the ground.
3. **Walls** Vertical logs, covered with earth.
4. **Structural System, Framing** Vertical log walls are braced by horizontal boards.
5. **Porches, Stoops, Balconies, Bulkheads** None.
6. **Chimneys** None.
7. **Openings**
  - a. **Doorways and Doors** A doorway to the west is the structure's only opening; it is framed by slightly squared logs and a log lintel.
  - b. **Windows and Shutters** None.
8. **Roof**
  - a. **Shape, Covering** The roof is not extant.
  - b. **Cornice, Eaves** None.
  - c. **Dormers, Cupolas, Towers** None.

### **C. Description of Interior:**

1. **Floor Plans**
  - a. **Describe Floors** A single, rectangular room, entered from the west.
2. **Stairways** None.
3. **Flooring** Earth.
4. **Wall and Ceiling Finishes** Unfinished log walls; no ceiling.
5. **Openings**
  - a. **Doorways and Doors** None.
  - b. **Windows** None.
6. **Decorative Features and Trim** None.
7. **Hardware** None.
8. **Mechanical Equipment** None.

**D. Site:**

1. **General Setting and Orientation** Located at the south end of the Caretaker's Compound, the Bulb Storage Cellar is hidden in trees and underbrush a short distance south of the estate's main road. The Greenhouse (HABS No. MN-146-W) formerly stood on the opposite side of the road to the north. For further information, see HABS No. MN-146.

**PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

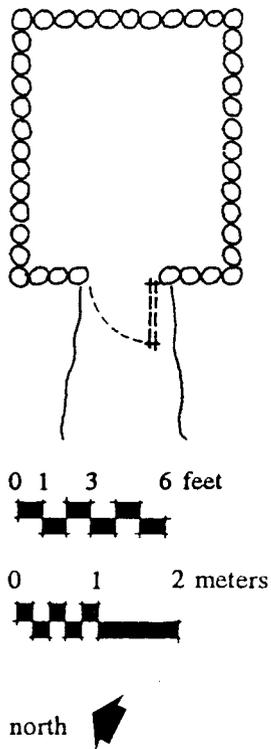
**A. Interviews:** See HABS No. MN-146.

**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.



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