

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

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JOYCE ESTATE,
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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. **Date of Erection** Ca. 1930.
2. **Original and Subsequent Owners** In 1916, David Gage Joyce secured the site of the Metal Garage 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** Logos printed on the underside of several roof panels indicate that the panels were made by the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
4. **Alterations and Additions** Moved from south end of Trout Lake in 1930s.²

B. Historical Context: According to former Joyce Estate caretaker Joseph Waleski, Jr., the Metal Garage was constructed at the south end of Trout Lake "in the early 1930s," and was subsequently moved to its present location at the north end of the Caretaker's Compound. Its relocation had been accomplished by 1938, when it was included in a personal property inventory of the estate, compiled as part of David Gage Joyce's probate file.³ 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 Author's interview with Joseph Waleski, Jr., Grand Rapids, MN, 27 January 1987.

³ Author's interview with Waleski, 1987, "In the Matter of the Estate of David Gage Joyce," 1938.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. **Architectural Character** Built of prefabricated, galvanized, corrugated metal, the entire south wall of this structure consists of five double-leaf doors. Ventilators ornament the roof ridge line.
2. **Condition of Fabric** Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. **Overall Dimensions** Approximately 19'10" by 50'0".
2. **Foundations** Concrete perimeter.
3. **Walls** Prefabricated, galvanized, corrugated metal panels.
4. **Structural System, Framing** Steel angles.
5. **Porches, Stoops, Balconies, Bulkheads** None.
6. **Chimneys** None.
7. **Openings**
 - a. **Doorways and Doors** Five doorways fill entire south wall. Each doorway holds a pair of panelled metal doors.
 - b. **Windows and Shutters** Five windows are evenly placed along the north wall. Each is a single pane of frosted wire glass. The frame is hinged on the top.
8. **Roof**
 - a. **Shape, Covering** Prefabricated, galvanized, corrugated sheet metal panels are supported by steel channel purlins and steel Fink trusses. The trusses consist of steel angles, knee-braced to the wall framing, and cross-braced at the end bays.
 - b. **Cornice, Eaves** None.

- c. **Dormers, Cupolas, Towers** Two metal ventilators are on the roof ridge.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plans

- a. **Describe Floors** A single, rectangular room, approached by doors from the south.

2. Stairways None.

3. Flooring Earth.

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.

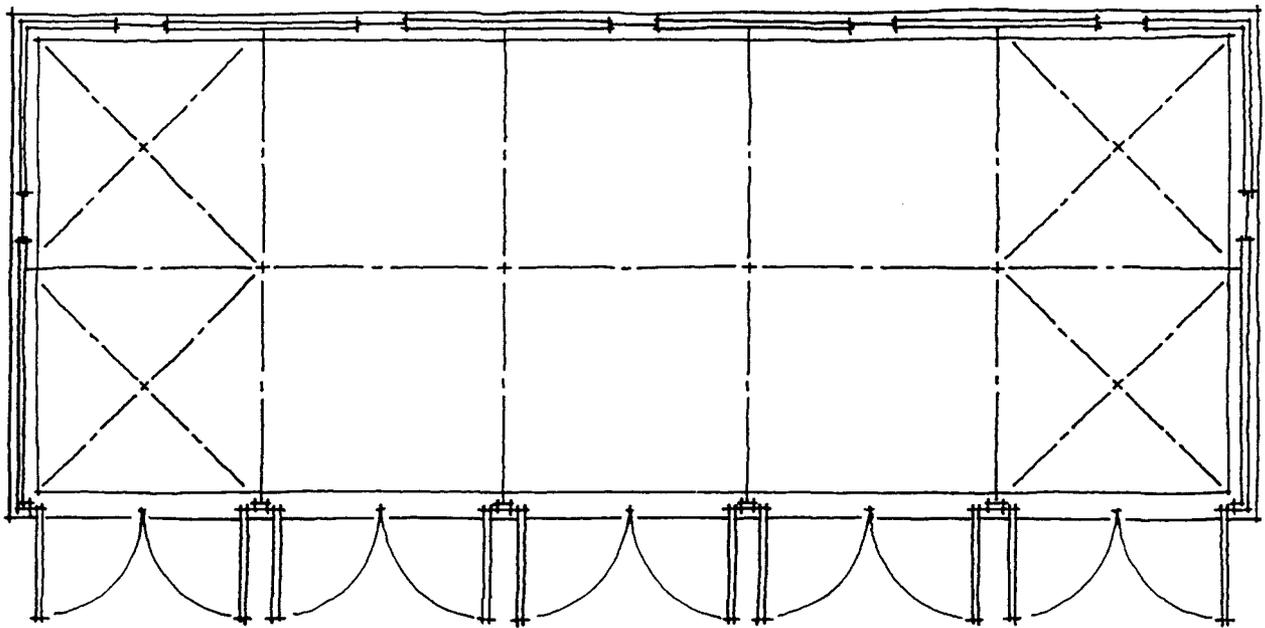
D. Site:

1. **General Setting and Orientation** Facing south, the Metal Garage is located at the extreme north end of the Caretaker's Compound, immediately east of the Barn (HABS No. MN-146-^AFF). 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-^AII), Utility Buildings (HABS Nos. MN-146-^AJJ, MN-146-^AKK), and Three-Car Garage (HABS No. MN-146-^ADD). A forested hill rises to the north and west of the building. 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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SKETCH PLAN: METAL GARAGE