

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

HABS No. MN-146-^AHH

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. **Date of Erection** Unknown.
2. **Original and Subsequent Owners** In 1916, David Gage Joyce secured the site of the Woodshed 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.¹
3. **Builders, Contractors, Suppliers** Unknown.
4. **Alterations and Additions** Plank cribbing for wood storage is gone.

B. Historical Context: The Wood Shed was apparently used to store fuel wood for the nearby Farmhouse (HABS No. MN-146-EE), and perhaps fireplace wood for the sleeping cottages in the Main Cabin Compound. Its construction date is unknown. For general information about the Joyce Estate, see the historical overview of the complex in HABS No. MN-146.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. **Architectural Character** Designed for easily accessible storage, the Wood Shed has no walls. It is essentially a gable roof supported by posts. Gable ends and zig-zag post sheathing are painted green with white trim.

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. **Condition of Fabric** Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. **Overall Dimensions** Approximately 12'4" by 24'4".

2. **Foundations** Posts are set in earth.

3. **Walls** Gable ends and zig-zag sheathing over post tops is covered with drop siding painted green.

4. **Structural System, Framing** Wood posts, connected by 2" by 6" beams, and 2" by 4" Fink trusses with plywood gusset plates.

5. **Porches, Stoops, Balconies, Bulkheads** None.

6. **Chimneys** None.

7. **Openings**

a. **Doorways and Doors** None.

b. **Windows and Shutters** None.

8. **Roof**

a. **Shape, Covering** Gable roof, covered with composition shingles.

b. **Cornice, Eaves** Exposed rafter tails.

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

C. Description of Interior:

1. **Floor Plans**

a. **Describe Floors** A single, open space.

2. **Stairways** None.

3. **Flooring** Earth.

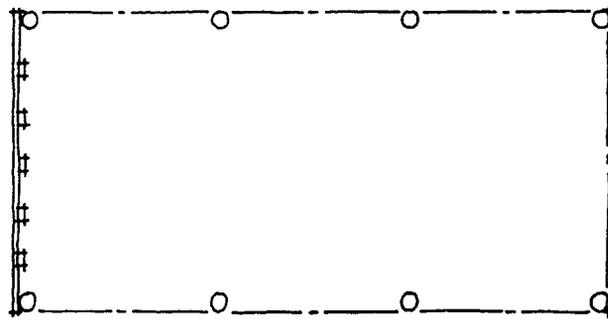
4. **Wall and Ceiling Finishes** Unfinished.
 5. **Openings**
 - a. **Doorways and Doors** Not applicable.
 - b. **Windows** Not applicable.
 6. **Decorative Features and Trim** None.
 7. **Hardware** None.
 8. **Mechanical Equipment** None.
- D. Site:**
1. **General Setting and Orientation** Located in the Caretaker's Compound, the Wood Shed is one of several farmstead-like structures that cluster around a circular yard about 100 feet in diameter. The Wood Shed stands on the north side of the yard, looking across at the Farmhouse (HABS No. MN-146-^AEE) to the southwest. Behind the Wood Shed to the north is the Metal Garage (HABS No. MN-146-^AGG), which marks the northern limit of the Caretaker's Compound. For further information, see HABS No. MN-146.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. Early Views:** An undated photograph of the Caretaker's Compound, taken shortly after the construction of the Farmhouse (HABS No. MN-146-^AEE) in 1917, does not show the Wood Shed. The photograph is in Joseph Waleski, Jr., Photograph Album, in Chippewa National Forest Headquarters Building, Cass Lake, MN.
- B. Interviews:** See HABS No. MN-146.
- C. Bibliography:**
 1. **Primary and Unpublished Sources** See HABS No. MN-146.
 2. **Secondary and Published Sources** See HABS No. MN-146.
- D. Likely Sources not yet Investigated:** See HABS No. MN-146.

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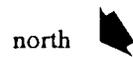
PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION See HABS No. MN-146.



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SKETCH PLAN: WOOD SHED