

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

HABS No. MN-146-^A21

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

JOYCE ESTATE, DOG KENNEL

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. **Date of Erection** Ca. 1955.
2. **Original and Subsequent Owners** In 1916, David Gage Joyce secured the site of the Dog Kennel 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** Interior partition removed, lowering capacity from five to four dogs.

B. **Historical Context:** According to former Joyce Estate caretaker Joseph Waleski, Jr., the Dog Kennel was constructed "about 1955."² 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** This wood-frame, shed-roofed structure is of utilitarian design, typical of a farmstead dog kennel. A central front (west) door is flanked

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, 22 January 1987.

on each side by two windows. Dog runs, enclosed by chain-link fence, extend from the rear (east). Walls are painted green, with white trim.

2. **Condition of Fabric** Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. **Overall Dimensions** Approximately 10'4" by 28'3".

2. **Foundations** Concrete piers.

3. **Walls** Horizontal flush-board siding, painted green.

4. **Structural System, Framing** Wood frame.

5. **Porches, Stoops, Balconies, Bulkheads** Concrete front stoop.

6. **Chimneys** None.

7. **Openings**

a. **Doorways and Doors** A panelled wood door, painted green, is centered in the front (west) wall. It is trimmed by flat boards, painted white. Five small, two-part doors give access to dog runs behind the structure. The top part of the door could be opened for ventilation; the bottom part permitted dogs to enter the runs. The middle two-part door was replaced by a swinging door.

b. **Windows and Shutters** Two six-pane casements are on each side of the front door. The north and south walls each have a single, six-pane casement window. Screen frames are attached to the exterior by butterfly nuts. Windows are trimmed by flat boards, painted white.

8. **Roof**

a. **Shape, Covering** Shed roof slopes down to east; 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** The interior was originally divided by chicken wire and plywood into five separate kennel spaces; two of the center spaces have been combined into a single unit. Two wooden dog beds are extant. A corridor giving access to the individual areas runs along the building's west wall.

2. Stairways None.

3. Flooring Unpainted wood floorboards, covered with straw in kennels.

4. Wall and Ceiling Finishes Walls are unpainted, flush, horizontal boards; ceiling is finished with particle board.

5. Openings

- a. Doorways and Doors** Flat board trim.

- b. Windows** Flat board trim.

6. Decorative Features and Trim None.

7. Hardware None.

8. Mechanical Equipment

- a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation** None.

- b. Lighting** Removed.

- c. Plumbing** The northwest corner contains a water spigot, which is no longer functional.

D. Site:

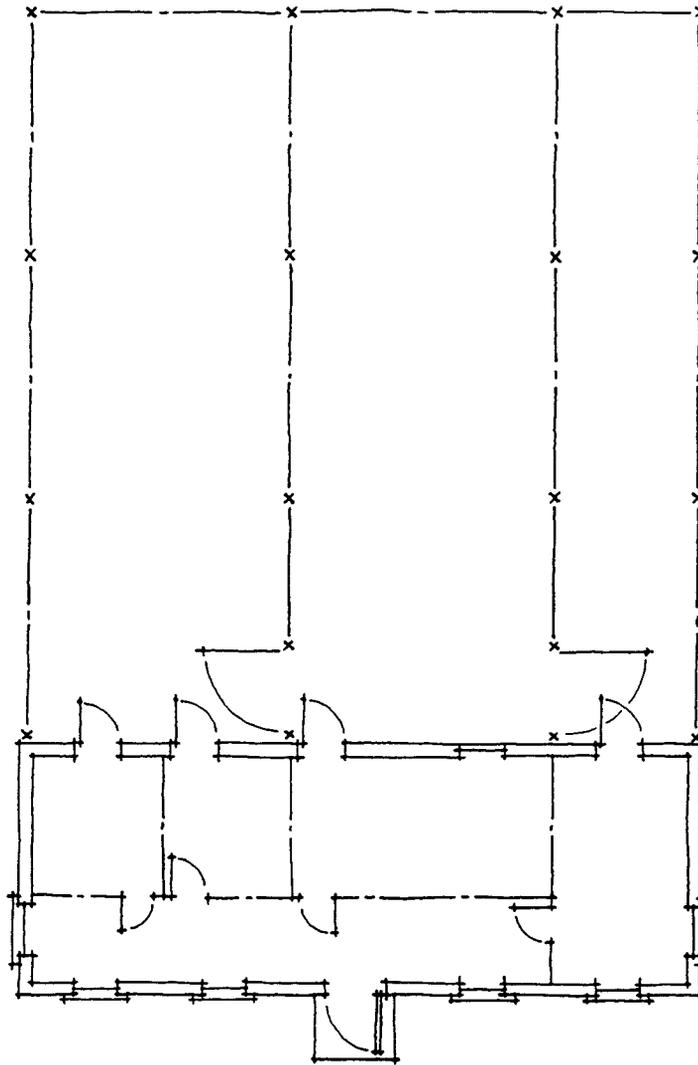
- 1. General Setting and Orientation** Located in the Caretaker's Compound, the Dog Kennel is one of several farmstead-like structures that cluster around a circular yard about 100 feet in diameter. It stands on the east side of the yard,

looking across at the Farmhouse (HABS No. MN-146-^AEE) to the west. Behind the Dog Kennel is Trout Lake, approximately 100 feet to the east. For further information, see HABS No. MN-146.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

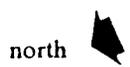
- A. Interviews:** See HABS No. MN-146.
- B. Bibliography:**
 - 1. Primary and Unpublished Sources** See HABS No. MN-146.
 - 2. Secondary and Published Sources** See HABS No. MN-146.
- C. Likely Sources not yet Investigated:** See HABS No. MN-146.

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



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SKETCH PLAN: DOG KENNEL