

Joyce Estate, Utility Building Number 1
Chippewa National Forest Road 2144,
3 miles north of County Road 335
Grand Rapids vicinity
Itasca County
Minnesota

HABS No. MN-146-^AKK

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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 Utility Building No. 1 and adjacent structures 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** None.

- B. Historical Context:** The date and original function of this building are not known. Its wood-frame construction with drop siding, however, is similar to that of other buildings erected at the Joyce Estate during the mid-1920s, such as the Moore Lake Cabin (HABS No. MN-146-8S) and Golf Course Pump House (HABS No. MN-146-PP). Utility Building No. 1 probably dates from this period as well. For further information, see the historical overview of the Joyce Estate in HABS No. MN-146).

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. **Architectural Character** This single-story, wood-frame structure features a front gable. A workbench extending across the rear (east) wall, is protected by a shed

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.

roof. Built-in wood bins run beneath the workbench.

2. Condition of Fabric Poor.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions Approximately 12'3" by 14'4".

2. Foundations Concrete piers.

3. Walls Wood drop siding, painted green, with trim painted white.

4. Structural System, Framing Wood frame.

5. Porches, Stoops, Balconies, Bulkheads Concrete stoop at ground level.

6. Chimneys None.

7. Openings

a. Doorways and Doors Wood panel front (west) door, to right of center. Flat board trim, painted white.

b. Windows and Shutters One-over-one double-hung sash windows flank the door; a similar window is on the south side. Plain boards painted white trim the opening.

8. Roof

a. Shape, Covering Gable roof, with composition shingles and metal ridge roll.

b. Cornice, Eaves Exposed rafter tails.

c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers None.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plans

a. Describe Floors A single, rectangular room.

2. **Stairways** None.
3. **Flooring** Wood floor boards.
4. **Wall and Ceiling Finishes** Wood boards.
5. **Openings**
 - a. **Doorways and Doors** Plain board trim.
 - b. **Windows** Plain board trim.
6. **Decorative Features and Trim** None.
7. **Hardware** None.
8. **Mechanical Equipment**
 - a. **Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation** A round hole in the ceiling near the southeast corner reveals the former location of a stove chimney.
 - b. **Lighting** None.
 - c. **Plumbing** None.

D. Site:

1. **General Setting and Orientation** Located in the Caretaker's Compound, Utility Building No. 1 is one of several farmstead-like structures that cluster around a circular yard about 100 feet in diameter. Standing on the southeast side of the yard, the building looks across at the Farmhouse (HABS No. MN-146-~~EE~~^A) on the northwest. Trout Lake is approximately 100 feet to the building's rear (east). For further information, see HABS No. MN-146.

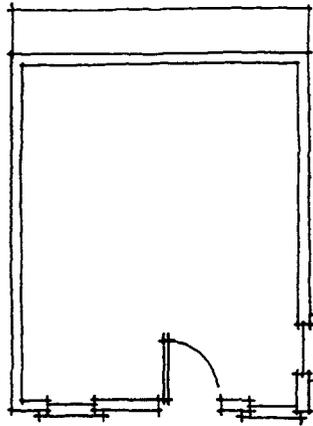
PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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.

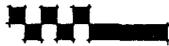
PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION See HABS No. MN-146.



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SKETCH PLAN: UTILITY BUILDING NO. 1