

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

HABS No. MN-146-^A20

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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 the Golf Course Tool Shed 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** Unknown.
4. **Alterations and Additions** None.

B. Historical Context: In all probability, this structure is the "Golf Course Tool Shed" mentioned in a personal property inventory of the estate compiled in 1938 as part of David Gage Joyce's probate file. Apparently, it was constructed about 1925 when, according to former caretaker Joseph Waleski, Jr., the Golf Course (HABS No. MN-146-00) and Golf Clubhouse (HABS No. MN-146-NN) were completed.² For further information about the Joyce Estate, see the historical overview of the complex 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 "In the Matter of the Estate of David Gage Joyce, Final Decree of Distribution," 30 June 1938, Book of Deeds 144, 401-406; author's interview with Joseph Waleski, Jr., Grand Rapids, MN, 22 January 1987.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. **Architectural Character** This single-story, gable-front structure is clad in green-drop siding, painted green. The trim is painted white. A garage door fills most of the front (south) side.
2. **Condition of Fabric** Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. **Overall Dimensions** 12'5" by 14'4".
2. **Foundations** Pyramidal concrete piers.
3. **Walls** Drop siding, painted green, with trim, painted white.
4. **Structural System, Framing** Wood frame.
5. **Porches, Stoops, Balconies, Bulkheads** A narrow concrete apron slopes from the door to the ground.
6. **Chimneys** None.
7. **Openings**
 - a. **Doorways and Doors** Overhead wood garage door on south side with two rows of windows (most glazing gone) and two rows of wood panels.
 - b. **Windows and Shutters** A single six-light, fixed-sash window on east and west walls; plain board surrounds.
8. **Roof**
 - a. **Shape, Covering** Front gable, with green composition shingles.
 - b. **Cornice, Eaves** Exposed rafter tails.
 - c. **Dormers, Cupolas, Towers** None.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plans

- a. Describe Floors** Single rectangular room, entered by garage door on south side.

2. Stairways None.

3. Flooring Wood floorboards.

4. Wall and Ceiling Finishes Unfinished.

5. Openings

- a. Doorways and Doors** No trim.

- b. Windows** No trim.

6. Decorative Features and Trim Built-in workbench below window on east side; low built-in table in southwest corner.

7. Hardware Plate on door lock reads: "Overhead Door Corp., Hartford City, Indiana."

8. Mechanical Equipment None.

D. Site:

- 1. General Setting and Orientation** Situated in the estate's Recreation Area, this building stands west of the Golf Course (HABS No. MN-146-00). Its door opens almost directly onto the estate's main entry road to the south. For further information about the layout of the Joyce Estate, see HABS No. MN-146.

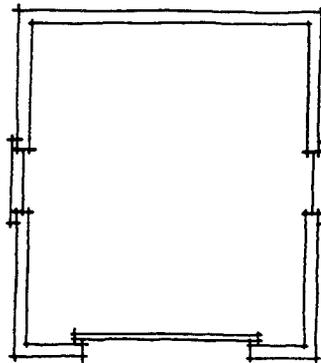
PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

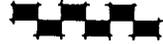
B. Bibliography:

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: GOLF COURSE TOOL SHED