

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

HABS No. MN-146-V

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# HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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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 Garden 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.<sup>1</sup>
3. **Builders, Contractors, Suppliers** Unknown.
4. **Alterations and Additions** Unknown.

- B. Historical Context:** Initial plans for the Joyce Estate, as outlined in the Grand Rapids Herald Review of 14 March 1917, called for the construction of a "barn" (HABS No. MN-146-FF) and "farmhouse," later called the Caretaker's Cabin (HABS No. MN-146-EE). Presumably, the estate also contained an area for growing some foodstuffs. It is not known, however, if the present Garden served that purpose. Its initial date of planting, as well as the nature of its plantings, are 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:

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

1. **Architectural Character** The Garden is completely overgrown.
  2. **Condition of Fabric** Deteriorated.
- B. **Description of Exterior:** Not applicable.
- C. **Description of Interior:** Not applicable
- D. **Site:**
1. **General Setting and Orientation** Located at the west end of the Caretaker's Compound, the Garden occupies a slightly elevated clearing on the north side of the estate's main road, approximately 500 yards northwest of the Main Cabin area on Larson's Point. The once-cultivated area is now overgrown by grass, weeds, and brush. The Greenhouse (HABS No. MN-146-W) and deciduous trees border the Garden to the east, while other deciduous trees form a wall to the north. The White Spruce Plantation (HABS No. MN-146-U) towers to the west. For further information, see HABS No. MN-146.
  2. **Historic Landscape Design** Unknown.

### **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.