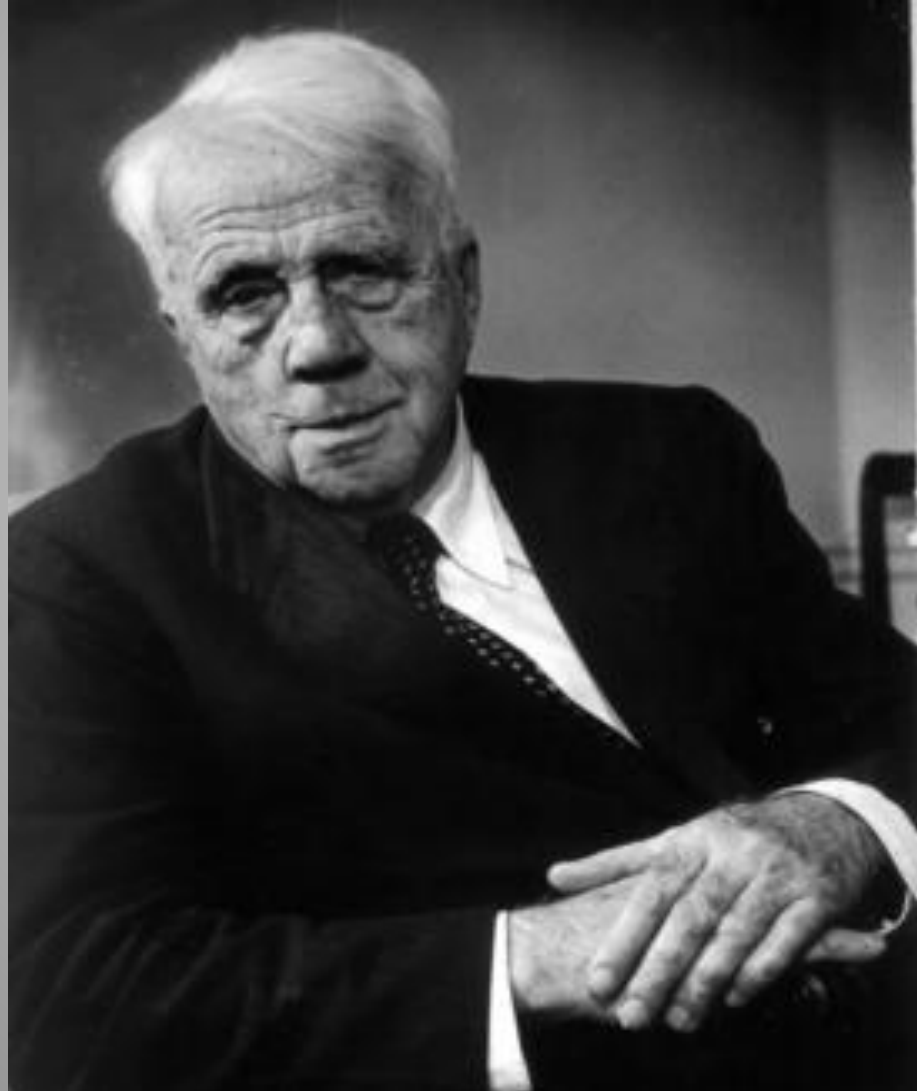


# Robert Lee Frost

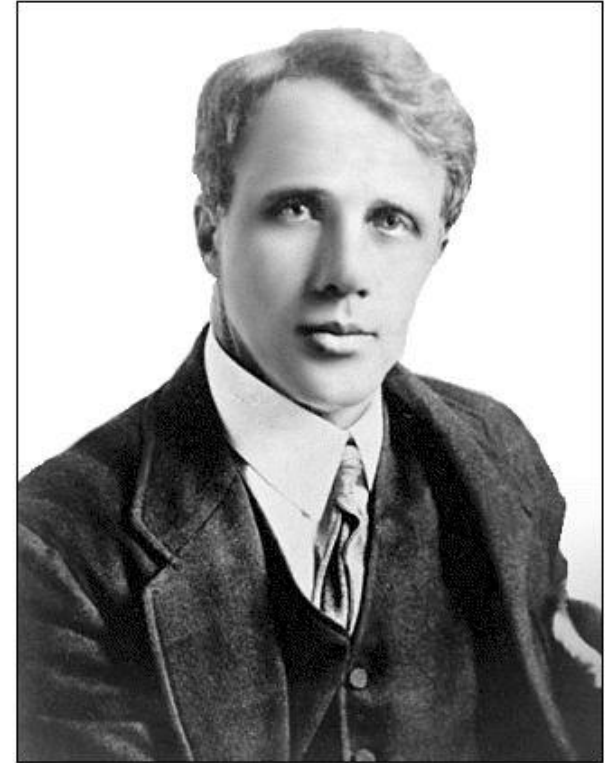
(1874-1963)



Robert Frost was born in San Francisco, California. His mother was of Scottish descent, and his father descended from Nicholas Frost of Tiverton, Devon, England, who had sailed to New Hampshire in 1634. Frost's father was a teacher. After his death on May 5, 1885, the family moved across the country to Lawrence, Massachusetts.



Frost graduated from Lawrence High School in 1892. Although known for his later association with rural life, Frost grew up in the city, and he published his first poem in his high school's magazine. He attended Dartmouth College for two months, long enough to be accepted into the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. Frost returned home to teach and to work at various jobs, including helping his mother teach her class of unruly boys, delivering newspapers, and working in a factory maintaining carbon arc lamps. He did not enjoy these jobs, feeling his true calling was poetry.

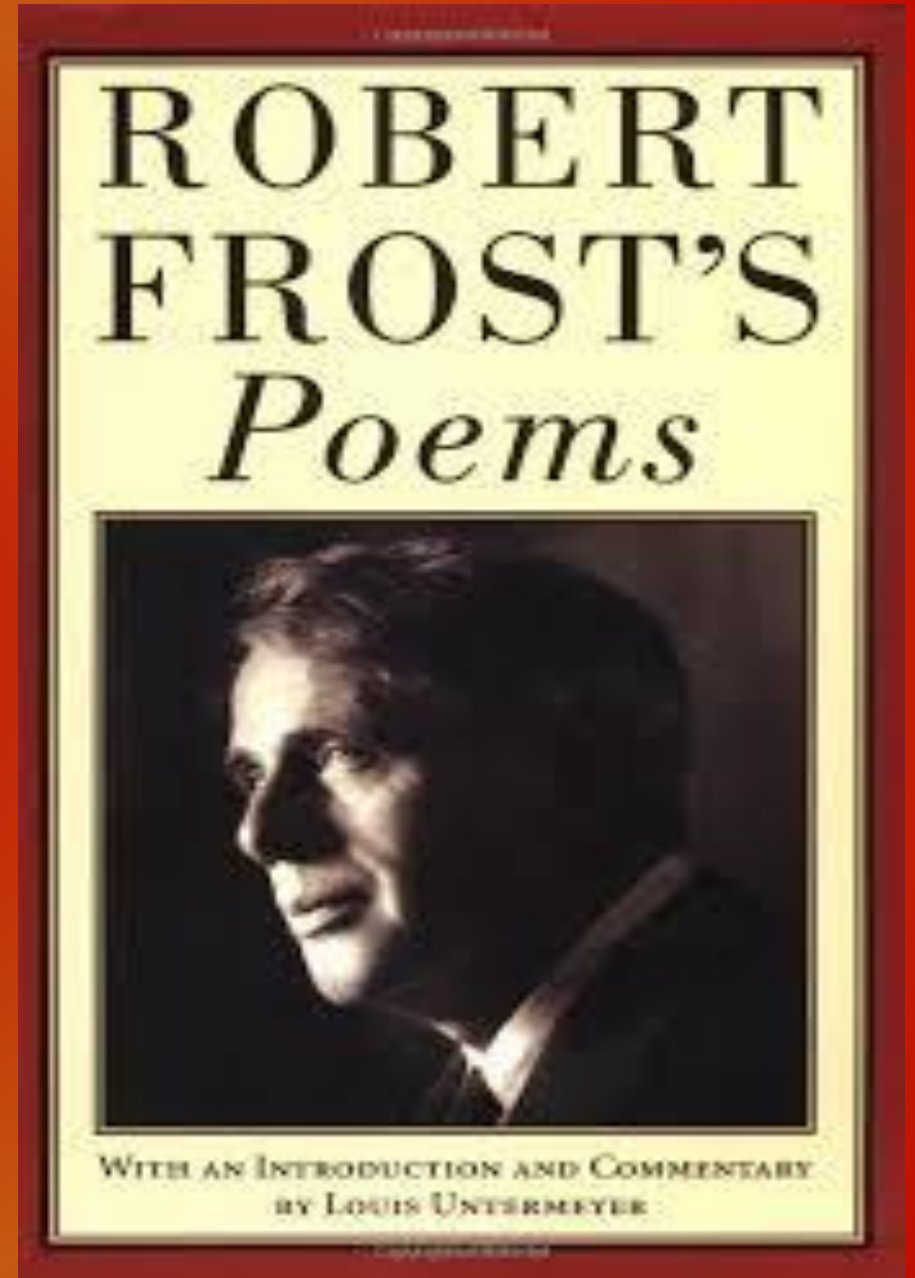


He married at Lawrence, Massachusetts on December 19, 1895. Frost attended Harvard University from 1897 to 1899, but he left voluntarily due to illness. In 1912 Frost sailed with his family to Great Britain, settling first in Beaconsfield, a small town outside London. Robert Frost met many contemporary poets in England, especially after his first two poetry volumes were published in London in 1913 «A Boy's Will» and 1914 «North of Boston». For forty-two years — from 1921 to 1963 — Frost spent almost every summer and fall teaching at the Bread Loaf School of English of Middlebury College. He is credited as a major influence upon the development of the school and its writing programs. In 1921 Frost accepted a fellowship teaching post at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he resided until 1927 when he returned to teach at Amherst.



## The most famous Robert's books:

- A Boy's Will (1915)
- North of Boston (1914)
- "Mountain Interval (1916)
- "The Road Not Taken"
- Selected Poems (1923)
- New Hampshire (1924)
- Several Short Poems (1924)



# Fire and ice

Some say the world will end in  
fire,

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.

But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice

Is also great  
And would suffice.





Frost was 86 when he read his well-known poem "The Gift Outright" at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy on January 20, 1961. He died in Boston two years later, on January 29, 1963, of complications from prostate surgery.