

Robert Frost

Early life

_ Robert Frost was born March 26, 1874 in San Francisco, California, to journalist William Prescott Frost, Jr., and Isabelle Moodie. His mother was a Scottish immigrant, and his father descended from Nicholas Frost of Tiverton, Devon, England, who had sailed to New Hampshire in 1634 on the *Wolfrana*.

_ attended Lawrence High School

_ attended Dartmouth College for several months.

_ Frost attended Harvard University from 1897 to 1899, but he left voluntarily due to illness.



Family life

_ Robert Frost married Elinor Miriam White. They had had six children: son Elliot (1896–1900) Lesley Frost Ballantine (1899–1983) son Carol (1902–1940) Irma (1903–1967) Marjorie (1905–1934) Elinor Bettina (died 1907).

_ was an English teacher at New Hampshire's Pinkerton Academy, then at the New Hampshire Normal School.
_ worked the farm he had purchased for nine years while writing early in the mornings.

_ Was a teacher at the Bread Loaf School of English of Middlebury College.

_ accepted a fellowship teaching post at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he resided until 1927 when he returned to teach at Amherst.

Facts

_ He won four Pulitzer Prizes for (the book *New Hampshire* 1924,, *Collected Poems* in 1931, *A Further Range* in 1937, and *A Witness Tree* in 1943)

_ He never graduated from college, Frost received over 40 honorary degrees

_ He was awarded a United States Congressional Gold Medal in 1960 "In recognition of his poetry, which has enriched the culture of the United States and the philosophy of the world.

_ the Robert Frost Middle School in Fairfax, Virginia, the Robert L. Frost School in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and the main library of Amherst College were named after him.

_ He was named poet laureate of Vermont in 1961.

_ He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature 31 times.

End of life

Frost died in Boston on January 29, 1963 of complications from prostate surgery. He was buried at the Old Bennington Cemetery in Bennington, Vermont.

Works

His first poem, "My Butterfly. An Elegy"

His first book of poetry, *A Boy's Will*, was published in 1913.

His most famous poem is the road not taken

The Road Not Taken

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

Robert Frost

(1874-1963)

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