



ROBERT FROST

A Life

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Ammanensis
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Parini - 13 Books
5 Novels 4 Poems
1 Textbook -
1 Essay on Writing and Politics
John Steinbeck Bio

Taught at Amherst

Vermont was his base

Traveled - spoke for money

Children - Leslie - strong
Anna

died in 34 - Margorie - health problems
killed himself 1940 - Carol
William

Emerson - his favorite -
an influence on him

Lawrence, MASS - high school
Emily Dickinson influenced Frost

d. 1963

b. MAR 26, 1874
SAN FRAN

Frost at Dart. 1892

lost Father by age 11
interested in science
God

P 447
a democrat who hated FDR
a part of labor who did
not support New Deal

tended toward depression
faithful to his wife Eleanor

believed in war but not in WWII

1945-1963 - road show

supported Ike / campaigned for JFK
fierce anti-communist but called
Krusch. a great man

452 Brigadier Lawrence Thompson (1942)
called Frost "a monster"
selfish - egomaniac / dom / cruel

Father - Will named after Robert E. Lee
city of Daily Evening Post

Will chaired Dem. National Committee for San Fran 1884
Cleveland nominated

Mother Bell - Swedenborgian - Robert traced his
mental problem back to his mother

Robin - child hood names

At age 10 RF thought he could hear voices
didn't go to elementary school beyond 3rd grade
dropped out of Dart. and Harvard before getting degree

Will F. dies of TB at 34

Dartmouth - he didn't like fraternities -
took walks by his self -
withdrew - wasn't suited for the place

Loss of Elliot - immense grief July 8, 1900 (Typhoid fever)

Postal Farmer 1900 - 1911 Derry

Teacher at Pinkerton - "Frost adored teaching" p95

He was melancholy

His skepticism about the value of college ^{was} ~~interest~~

Pinkerton career ends 1910

Allyn Normal School 1911

Sells farm

1912 - a turning point

Decided he wanted
to publish poems

he was 38

Frost hero - William James

Emerson - Sept 1912 - Feb 1915

He opposed one worldism - SD's trip to Brazil

Louis Untermeyer -



Amburst Miss F. in 1917 - easy going to the point
of being disorganized
he did most of the talking
didn't like his sponsors homosexuality (Stark Young)
didn't like college - The War changed mood on
campus
he intensely disliked liberal atmosphere at Amburst

Middlebury College - Bread Loaf Mountain

U. of Mich - 1922

Stopping By Woods - after he wrote New Hamp. after
being up all night p 208

Frost an avid walker

Story of Joseph Warren Beach and the marriage
to Raymon Donegany p 218 Justice of The Peace

Julitzer 1924 - 1st of four for New Hampshire

Elmer - was carried over SD

March 1941 - Library of Congress

Lectures - The Role of the Poet in a Democracy P333

The Gift Outright - Kennedy inaugural 335

Eliot died Mar 20, 1988 - Heart attack -
43 years. the only women he ever loved

all poems and books written for her

Resigned from Amherst

Kay Morrison - signed on in 38' as secretary - class for 25 yrs
he asked her to marry him - she was named

Frost disliked T.S. Eliot

William Faulkner

Archibald MacLeish -

P404 Frost works to free Ezra Pound (Fascist salute)

Herbert Brownell

William Rogers - dep attorney Gen.

Sherman Adams. -

He did a lot to bring culture and politics together.

Oct 1958 - consultant to Library of Congress

Lowell Tullin - regards Frost as a terrific poet

Frost has not been well served by biographers P447

2nd Pulitzer 1937

The fire story at Archibald Mac Leish's reading p 317
for DeVoto's biography

Robert Newdick - his biographer

The Silken Tent p 321 - one of the finest sonnets written
in English in 20th century

Ralph Waldo Emerson fellow at Harvard 2 years.

Card not well

P 327 - reluctant to
accept

Earle Benkeimer "renting" for a fee \$1000 to each child

Lawrence Thompson - named by Frost as his official
biographer

Hydrolog

Wallace Stevens

a Democrat who hated FDR

a poet of labor who didn't support new deal

believed in war but WWII

she supported who went for JFK.

anti communist who embraced Nikita K.

Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening

Ferrisburgh, N.A.

Kepton, VT.

Nearby, N.A.