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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MSS.16956

Unit ID

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Unit ID

/repositories/3/resources/1909

Unit Date

1919-1962

Language

English

Creator

Frost, Robert, 1874-1963

Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet One letter-sized half-width document box

Condition Description

Good

Repository

Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

This collection has been minimally processed and is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was purchased from John Waite Rare Books by the Small Special Collections Library, University of Virginia on 19 September 2025.

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Biographical / Historical

Robert Frost (1874–1963) was an American poet whose work drew from rural New England life, blending colloquial speech with philosophical reflection. Robert Lee Frost was born in San Francisco on March 26, 1874, later relocating to Massachusetts after his father's death. He published his first poem, "My Butterfly," in 1894 and gradually established himself as a major literary figure through early collections such as *A Boy's Will* (1913) and *North of Boston* (1914). Known for poems including "Mending Wall," "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," and "The Road Not Taken," Frost became one of the most celebrated poets of the twentieth century, earning four Pulitzer Prizes and serving as U.S. Poet Laureate. Frost died in Boston on January 29, 1963.

References

"Robert Frost." Poetry Foundation. Accessed April 27, 2026.

"Robert Frost." Academy of American Poets. Accessed April 27, 2026.

Content Description

This collection contains letters, Christmas cards, a magazine, a family genealogy, a book, and other ephemera relating to Robert Frost, compiled by his cousin, George Frost, and his wife, Ellen. The content spans the period from 1919 to 1962. There are four manuscript letters sent by Robert Frost to either Ellen or George: Robert to Ellen, 1919; Robert to George, 1938; Robert to Ellen, 1951; Robert to "Mrs. Frost," 1939. The envelope for a 1938 letter to George Frost from Robert is included, but contains no letter. Also present is a 1939 letter to Ellen Frost from Kathleen J. Morrison, who was charged with "taking care of Robert's letters for him [that] winter" and an undated and unmarked postcard of the Frost family farmhouse in New Hampshire. In addition to the correspondence, there is a Dartmouth College Alumni Magazine dated March 1959 featuring Robert Frost on its cover, sixteen printed Christmas greeting poems by Frost, dating from 1934 to 1962, a funeral notice for Elinor Frost, letters from publishers inviting George and Ellen to readings of Frost's poetry, a handwritten Frost family genealogy, and a signed copy of "New Hampshire," a 1955 poem by Frost.

Keywords

Poets

poetry

Correspondence

Description of Subordinate Components

Dartmouth College Alumni Magazine

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293654

Unit Date March 1959

Mixed Materials [X032762791] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Christmas greeting poems

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293655

Unit Date 1934-1952

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Container 2 (folder)

Christmas greeting poems

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293656

Unit Date 1956-1962

Mixed Materials [X032762791] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Frost letter to Ellen facsimile

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293657

Unit Date 1951

Mixed Materials [X032762791] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Robert Frost letter to Ellen Frost

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293658

Unit Date 1919

Mixed Materials [X032762791] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Envelope for a letter to George Frost

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293659

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials [X032762791] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Letter to Ellen Frost from Kathleen J. Morrison

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293660

Unit Date 1938

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Container 7 (folder)

Letter from Robert Frost to Mrs. Ellen Frost

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293661

Unit Date 1951

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Container 8 (folder)

Elinor Frost funeral notice

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293662

Unit Date 1938

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Container 9 (folder)

Unmarked postcard of a home

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293663

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032762791] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Frost family genealogy

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Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032762791] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

The New Hampshire Troubadour, Robert Frost Issue

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293665

Unit Date November 1946

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Container 12 (folder)

Letter to Mrs. Frost from Robert Frost; Newtonville Library Dedication program

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293666

Unit Date 1939

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Container 13 (folder)

A Lover's Quarrel with the World invitation

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Unit Date undated

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Container 14 (folder)

Mr. and Mrs. George Frost letter envelopes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293668

Unit Date 1951-1952

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Container 15 (folder)

Henry Holt and Company letter

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293669

Unit Date 1939

Mixed Materials [X032762791] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

A Quick Glimpse into Frost

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293670

Unit Date 1939

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Container 17 (folder)

Handwritten notes on Robert Frost

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Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293671

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [X032762791] 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

New Hampshire: A Poem by Robert Frost

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/293672

Unit Date 1955

Mixed Materials [X032762791] 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)