

Robert Frost Farm

The Restoration

Robert Frost often spoke about his years on the Derry farm and what they meant to him and his family. After the Frosts sold the Derry farm in 1911, it passed through several owners until, in the 1940s, it ceased to be farmland and became instead an auto graveyard. Skeletons and fragments of hundreds of junk cars and wrecks were strewn over the pasture. In later years when Frost traveled to New Hampshire, he found the house in disrepair and the quiet and solitude destroyed. He was determined to reclaim the property, but somehow never found the time or opportunity. In 1964, the State of New Hampshire purchased the property and with the help of Frost's eldest daughter, Lesley Frost Ballantine and a dedicated group of early trustees and state officials, the restoration process began. The property was opened for public visitation in 1975. The Robert Frost Farm is a New Hampshire Historic Site, and listed on the National Registry for historic landmarks of national significance.



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