

Corresponding Friendships: Robert Frost's Letters

The Dartmouth College Library's Robert Frost Collection contains tens of thousands of letters to and from the poet. This exhibit looks at conversations among Frost and his correspondents -- his friends the literary scholars Sidney Cox and Cornelius Weygandt, poet and modernist impresario Ezra Pound, and President John F. Kennedy. The letters span two continents and fifty years of Frost's life -- from 1913, when he began publishing poetry in London, to 1963, just before his death in his beloved New England.

The exhibit was curated by Laura Braunstein and Jay Satterfield and was on display in the Class of 1965 Galleries September 10 - November 1, 2014. Most of these documents come from the Robert Frost collection, MS-1178.

Materials Included in the Exhibition

Case Title	Materials included
<p>Case 1. Among Friends: Sidney Cox and Cornelius Weygandt</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cornelius Weygandt. <i>New Hampshire Neighbors: Country Folks and Things in the White Hills</i>. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 1937. Rauner White Mountains F39 .W47 1937 2. Robert Frost. <i>Mountain Interval</i>. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 1916. We have many copies: ask for Rauner Alumni F9296mo3 (Author's autograph presentation copy, inscribed to [Harold] Rugg. 7 pages of verse (on flyleaves) in Frost's handwriting. In dust jacket. c.3) or Rauner Frost PS3511.R94 M6 1916 (Gift of Harriet Barry in memory of her father, John L. Cooley. Author's autograph presentation copy, inscribed to Cooley, with lines from "The road not taken," on flyleaf. With dust jacket. c.4). 3. Cornelius Weygandt, Philadelphia, to Robert Frost, Franconia, 16 November 1916. 4. Robert Frost, Amherst, to Cornelius Weygandt, Philadelphia, 29 April 1917. 5. Robert Frost, Key West, to

	<p>Cornelius Weygandt, Philadelphia, 20 February 1935.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Map of White Mountains. Boston: Geo. K. Snow & Bradlee, 1872. 7. Sidney Cox. Robert Frost: Original "Ordinary Man." New York: Henry Holt and Co., 1929. 8. Robert Frost, Ann Arbor, to Sidney Cox, Missoula, 18 May 1926. 9. Robert Frost, Ann Arbor, to Sidney Cox, Hanover, 22 December 1926. 10. Robert Frost, Beaconsfield, England, to Sidney Cox, Urbana, 10 July 1913. 11. Robert Frost, Leddinton, England, to Sidney Cox, Schenectady, 18 May 1914.
<p>Case 2. Strange Bedfellows</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ezra Pound, Map showing location of William Butler Yeats's residence, given to Robert Frost, 1913. 2. Ezra Pound, Kensington, to Robert Frost, 1913. 3. Ezra Pound to Robert Frost, 6 December 1915. 4. Ezra Pound, Rapallo, to Robert Frost, 1936. 5. Ezra Pound.] Review of A Boy's Will. Poetry: A Magazine of Verse, May 1913. 6. Photo of Robert Frost, The Eaton Studio, Littleton, NH, 1915. 7. Ernest Hemingway, San Francisco de Paula, to Robert Frost, [Ripton], 28 June 1957. 8. T.S. Eliot, London, to Robert Frost, [Ripton], 8 July 1957. 9. Archibald MacLeish, Conway, to Robert Frost, Ripton, 22 August 1957. 10. James Laughlin, New York, to Robert Frost, Ripton, 24 September 1957. 11. Robert Frost, Ripton, to James

	<p>Laughlin, New York, 8 October 1957. Retained copy.</p> <p>12. Ezra Pound, Washington, to Robert Frost, Ripton, Easter 1958.</p> <p>13. Robert Frost. Statement, United States of America vs. Ezra Pound, Criminal no. 76028, 1957.</p> <p>14. Ezra Pound, Venice, to Robert Frost, Boston, January 1963.</p>
<p>Case 3. Inaugurating Kennedy</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photos of Robert Frost at the Inauguration of John F. Kennedy, 20 January 1961. 2. John F. Kennedy, Washington, to Robert Frost, Washington, 11 April 1959. 3. John F. Kennedy, Washington, to Robert Frost, Washington, 1 May 1961. 4. President and Mrs. Kennedy, Invitation to Robert Frost, 29 April 1962. 5. Robert Frost, Cambridge, to John F. Kennedy, Washington 11 May 1961. Retained copy. 6. Robert Frost. Draft of inscription to John F. Kennedy to be included in <i>In The Clearing</i>, 1962. 7. Robert Frost. Typescript of inscription to John F. Kennedy to be included in <i>In The Clearing</i>, 1962. 8. Robert Frost. Typescript draft of "Dedication," [1961]. 9. Robert Frost. Manuscript copy to Robert Morrison of "The Gift Outright," Christmas 1941.