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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire will host a one-day conference celebrating the centennial of the Frost family's residence in Derry Friday, Sept. 21, in the Memorial Union Building's Strafford Room.

At the farm in Derry and as a teacher at Pinkerton Academy, Frost developed his distinctive voice and wrote many of the poems for which he is best known today. Critics and poets will explore Frost's life and writing at the farm, the image of his experience there, and the influence of Frost on contemporary writers.

Leading critics Jonathan Barron, University of Southern Mississippi; Robert Faggen, Claremont McKenna College; and Karen Kilcup, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will present papers focused on new approaches to Frost's life and work. The nature and influence of Frost's verse will be the subject of discussions and readings by University of New Hampshire poets Mekeel McBride and Charles Simic, and Wesley McNair, University of Maine at Farmington.

The University of New Hampshire Library's Milne Special Collections and Archives will host a special exhibit from its extensive collection of Frost's books, manuscripts and personal materials, as well as a reception for participants. A banquet will be held at 7 p.m. at the New England Center.

For more program information, contact David Watters, UNH Department of English, at 603-862-3983 or

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The cost of the day's events is \$50, including lunch.
The cost of the banquet is \$40. To register, contact the
University Conference Office at 603-862-1900.

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