

## Robert Frost's Farm Animals



Chicken

Robert Frost raised hundreds of chickens on his farm. Lesley and the other children were excited when the hatching time arrived, “. . .*what* a racket of peeping[the chicks made], louder than the spring peepers in the meadow, though those too could shake the air.”

The family owned a horse for haying and other farm work as well as traveling to Derry Depot for supplies. Though Lesley loved all the horses, Billy, Eunice and Roy, they frightened her. She felt that holding grain out to the horse “into the very jaws of danger - scary but thrilling.”



Horse



Cow

The family's cow was full of mischief and always got into trouble. She would get loose and go into the woods making Papa (Robert Frost) and the children chase after her. Lesley wrote about the cow's adventures many times. One story describes the cow jumping over the moon!