Journalist and poet Joyce Kilmer was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Known for poetry that celebrated the common beauty of the natural world as well as his religious faith, he was killed after enlisting in the United States Army during World War I. Kilmer was awarded by the French the prestigious Croix de Guerre (War Cross) for his bravery. His strong religious faith and dedication to the natural beauty of the world influences much of Kilmer’s work.