

school education he received constant and valuable instruction at home from his father, who was a fine scholar.

At the early age of thirteen he entered Harvard College, and was graduated in 1831. Among his classmates were John Lothrop Motley, the historian, Wendell Phillips, the philanthropist, Dr. George C. Shattuck, and ex-Mayor Brune, of Baltimore.

In his freshman year he occupied room twenty, Hollis; the second and third years he had other rooms in the same building; and in the senior year he was in Holworthy, second floor.

He studied law with his father and at the Harvard Law School, under Judge Joseph Story, of the United States Supreme Court, the most able jurist that Massachusetts has ever produced.

Admitted to the Bar at Dedham in 1834, before he was twenty-one years of age, he commenced the practice of his profession at once, opening an office in Dorchester Lower Mills, near the bridge, in a building situated where the west end of Baker's chocolate-factory now stands. He left this office for one on the Milton side of the river, about where the post-office in Associates building now is. From there he went to an office in the building occupied in part by the Dorchester and Milton Bank, at the head of Dorchester Hill, opposite the variety store of Darius Brewer, and May 1st, 1838, was taxed in both Milton and Dorchester, having moved from one town to the other on that day.

He was married May 1, 1838, to Mary Buckminster, daughter of Darius and Harriet (Buckminster) Brewer, of Dorchester, and took up his abode in one half the widow Stephen Pierce's house, near the entrance to Vose's or Baker's grove, on Adams street, now occupied by Tom Collins. A few months afterwards he moved to the old Brewer house, which stood on the north-east corner of Richmond and Washington streets, opposite Darius Brewer's house, and here his eldest son, Gardner Asaph, was born, May 26, 1839. (This building has, within a few years, been removed to a lot of land on River street, nearly opposite the engine-house.)

He then bought the land at the south-west corner of Sanford and Washington streets (formerly owned by one Davenport, and more recently by Isaac N. Crehore, of whom he received the deed). In this house were born Fanny Buckminster, August 11, 1841; Joseph Richmond, July 29, 1845; Mary, April 4, 1847; Harriet Brewer, January 7, 1855.

Here he lived until 1856, when, having bought a portion of