

CLASS OF 1822

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GARDINER

Born April 1, 1801.

Graduated at Union College.

Studied law and was admitted to practice and located at Dinwiddie Court House, Virginia., where he died unmarried July 3, 1831.

He was the son of Howell and Elenor (Groesbeck) Gardiner.

FROM Lion Gardiner and His Descendants
Curtiss Crane Gardiner
A. Whipple
St. Louis 1890.

BENJAMIN F. GARDNER, 1822, of Greenfield, N.Y., was a member of the Adelpic Society.
Adelpic Catalogue 1830

BRENTON TAYLOR
COUNSELOR AT LAW
THE ARCADE
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.

*to go in the folder of
Benjamin F. Gardner*

July 10, 1942

Dear Dr. Fox:

I am sending you herewith a gift to the College from Herbert T. Ellsworth, R. F. D. Greenfield Center, N. Y., and I know you will enjoy looking it over, as I did.

in College Library

It is a combination report-bill sent to the father of Benjamin F. Gardner of the Class of 1822 during Ben's senior year. The young man seems to have done well enough, making Cnapel at 6:30 a. m. regularly and never rumming out of wood for his stove, but the "former bills" were something else again.

The father was Mr. Ellsworth's third great-grandfather. Ben, he says, studied law, was admitted to the Bar and for some reason decided to open in Virginia, where he fell in love. The lady's father vetoed the plans, according to family legend, because of the insuperable obstacle of the boy's birth north of Mason-Dixon line, and, pretty well stagered, he made plans to go West, but he died of yellow fever.

Mr. Ellsworth (and I, too) live on the emigrant trail West from nortnern new England, where the taverns of that day lay a mile and a half apart and "runners" jumped in your sleigh and solicited you as a guest.

What in the dickens is the study called "Stewart?" Was it some Scottish theologian? Or could that have been, in a non-sectarian school?

Sincerely,

Dr. Dixon Ryan Fox
Union College
Schenectady

B. T. Taylor

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B. T. TAYLOR