Why was Franklin Pierce's nickname Young Hickory of the Granite Hills?

Franklin Pierce was a politician and the 14th President of the United States. His nickname, Young Hickory of the Granite Hills, is often cited as a reflection of his origins and personality. The "Granite Hills" refer to New Hampshire, where Pierce lived and spent much of his life. His military deeds in the Mexican-American War were compared to those of Andrew Jackson, who was known as the "Old Hickory." This nickname suggests a connection to both the American South and the military exploits of previous presidents.

The nickname also reflects Pierce's background as a member of a prominent New Hampshire family. The Pierce family was known for their military service and elite status, and Pierce himself was a lawyer and politician who served in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate before becoming president. His nickname, however, does not reflect the complexities of Pierce's character or his presidency, which were often overshadowed by his inability to handle the issues of the time, such as the growing tensions between the North and the South.

In summary, Franklin Pierce's nickname "Young Hickory of the Granite Hills" is a reflection of his origins and previous military service, but does not fully capture the complexities of his life and presidency.
Additional Reading Roy Franklin Nichols, Franklin Pierce: Young Hickory of the Granite Hills, 2nd ed. (1958, reissued 1993), is a
biography. His administration is reviewed in Larry Gara, The Presidency of Franklin Pierce (1991). Wilfred J. Bisson (compiler), Franklin
Pierce (1993), is an annotated bibliography. Source(s): britannica.com.Â Not much. He signed the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, which
repealed the Missouri Compromise of 1820. The Missouri Compromise was made to limit the expansion of slavery, but Pierce was in
favor of the expansion of slavery to new states. He also appointed a cabinet of men from all different political persuasions, and to this
day it was the only cabinet that remained unchanged for an entire term. Franklin Pierce was the man elected to follow Millard Fillmore as
President of the United States. The two men were completely different and not just in their political outlooks but in their approach in life.
"The Democratic Party was to become for Pierce his family, his fraternity, his church, and his country."Â The book points out that at 48
Pierce was the youngest president up to that time, and that the fact that during his term there was no change in the Cabinet is unique in
presidential annals. This book is just such a felicitous telling of so much--e.g., the chapter on Pierce's college years at Bowdoin (with
Hawthorne a year behind him) is a classic. ( )