

Madison Women's Club
Grace Miner Lippincott info

<https://www.madisonhistory.org/grace-miner-lippincott/>

The music award, presented by the Women's Club of Madison, was named for Grace Minor Lippincott on the occasion of her 90th birthday. She was born in Cornwall, CT, started school there and graduated from high school in Madison in 1895. After returning to the family homestead in Cornwall, she married Levi Lippincott in 1896. They moved to Madison where in 1907 they built their house "Whimsey Acres" on Scotland Ave, her home ever since.

Mrs. Lippincott is the mother of two sons, Whitney, born in 1899 and Miner in 1904; the grandmother of three; and the great grandmother of nine.

She has been interested in writing all her life and after her children were grown, studied for 20 years with the poet-laureate of Pennsylvania. Her lifelong hobby of writing poetry to express her innermost feelings of love, joy, compassion, and friendliness has brought pleasure to many all over the world. Mrs. Lippincott feels that poetry and music go together—that one who loves poetry also loves music. She is a contributing member to many poetry associations, has written over a thousand poems and has had six books published since 1920.

Her main interest is children, has always enjoyed watching their developments and delights in their visits to her home. She also enjoys reading and sewing and is currently writing a children's book. She is active in the Sunshine Society, Historical Society and the Congregational Church and previously edited the Conn. Parent-Teacher Magazine for two years. Involved as she has always been, she still maintains that home and family must come first.

Mrs. Lippincott has served the Women's Club of Madison in many capacities, including as its president and currently as its historian. Her aunt, Mrs. Frank Dowd, founded the, originally known as The Fortnightly Club in 1900. Mrs. Lippincott was formerly New Haven County Vice-President and Poetry Chairman for the State Federation of Women's Clubs. For a number of years, she gave readings of her favorite poems. The following original poem expresses her loving thoughts about Madison.

*When you find a pretty village
That surrounds a square of green,
You will listen for the echoes
That recall each festive scene*

*Over Tuxis Lake, through shorelands
There are voices calling you
To the hilltops or the beaches
For a thrilling point of view*

*If your home is in New England
You'll accept the widest range
With the seasonal performance
When each year the echoes change.*