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**Abstract:** Milwaukee County efforts to fight tuberculosis began with the sponsorship of the 50 bed Greenfield Sanitorium in 1911. In 1913, the County decided to construct a new sanitarium. Muirdale, as it was to be known (named for Wisconsin naturalist and exponent of out-of-door living, John Muir), comprised a series of multi-storied cottages which kept adult patients together and maintained a rigorous schedule of fresh air, bed rest, and close supervision. The first TB patient was admitted in 1915. In 1921 the County purchased a facility, known as the Blue Mound Preventorium, to deal with TB cases among the young. From 1950 to 1962, Muirdale provided nursing students with first-hand experience in dealing with TB patients. Medical advances had begun to root out TB so effectively that by 1969 Muirdale was closed and TB treatment became a department of County General. The Preventorium had been closed since December 1939. In 1978 the Muirdale buildings became the home of the County Nursing Home (formerly County Infirmary).

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of annual and other miscellaneous reports, newsletters, pamphlets/brochures, correspondence and other ephemera detailing the history and operations of the various TB facilities.

**Access and Use:** Some files (noted below) are restricted.

**Language:** English

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#1 - created by nurses ca. 1950 with sketches, photographs, narrative	RC14, Sh. 011	
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<b>TUBERCULOSIS REFERENCE BOOKS (Currently Missing)</b>	WHW, CL	
<i>Nursing in Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis</i> by H.W. Hetherington, M.D. & Fannie W. Eshleman, R.N., 1941		
<i>A Directory of Institutions and Societies Dealing with Tuberculosis</i> by Lilian Brandt, 1904		
<i>A Mirror for Care-Takers</i> by Harold Holand, 1946		
<i>House of Open Doors</i> by Harold Holand, 1958		
<i>Tuberculosis Nursing</i> by Grace M. Longhurst, R.N., 1941		
<i>Chronic Bronchitis Emphysema and Cor Pulmonale</i> by C.H. Stuart-Harris, M.D. & T. Hanley, M.D., 1957		
<i>American Truudeau Society Membership Roster</i> by Esmond R. Long, M.D., 1948		
<i>The White Plague</i> by Rene & Jean Dubos, 1952		
<i>Tuberculosis Hospital and Sanatorium Directory</i> by National Tuberculosis Society, 1948		
<i>The Plague and I</i> by Betty MacDonald, 1948		

<i>Effective Inhalation Therapy</i> by Edwin Rayner Levine, M.D., 1953
<i>Rehabilitation at Lake Tomahawk State Camp</i> by Harold Holand, 1945
<i>Taking the Cure</i> by Robert G. Lovell, M.D., 1948
<i>The Clinical Physiology of the Lungs</i> by Cecil K. Drinker, M.D., 1948
<i>Huber the Tuber</i> by Harry A. Wilmer, 1942
<i>Anatomy of the Broncho-Bascular System</i> by George I. Birnbaum, M.D., 1954
<i>Streptomycin and Dihydrostreptomycin in Tuberculosis</i> by H. McLeod Riggins, M.D. & Corwin Hinshaw, M.D., 1949