

**Title:** Wisconsin Lung Association Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-1356

**Inclusive Dates:** 1910 – ongoing

**Quantity:** 000.3 cu. ft.

**Location:** BV, Sh. 268

**Abstract:** The Wisconsin Lung Association's origins date to 1908 when a committee established the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association (WATA) to advance the work its members saw at the International Congress of Tuberculosis. Tuberculosis was one of the leading causes of death among Wisconsin residents in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and WATA developed an active educational program that included lectures, exhibits, films, surveys and publications to help combat the disease. The organization also lobbied for legislation that facilitated state and local agencies' abilities to provide direct health care services. By the 1950s, medical advances reduced the death rate from tuberculosis tremendously. As a result, the organization broadened its scope to include respiratory and lung disease and changed its name in 1969 to the Wisconsin Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. Four years later, the name was changed again to the Wisconsin Lung Association.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of solicitation correspondence and material; pamphlets, brochures; newsletters; and publications such as *The Crusader*, *The Bulletin*, *The Newsletter*, and the *GASP Newsletter* of the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association, the Wisconsin Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association and the Wisconsin Lung Association. Also included are a few items from the National Tuberculosis Association.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English