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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 outdoor 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.

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TUBERCULOSIS REFERENCE BOOKS (Currently Missing)	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