



Tuberculosis in Wisconsin

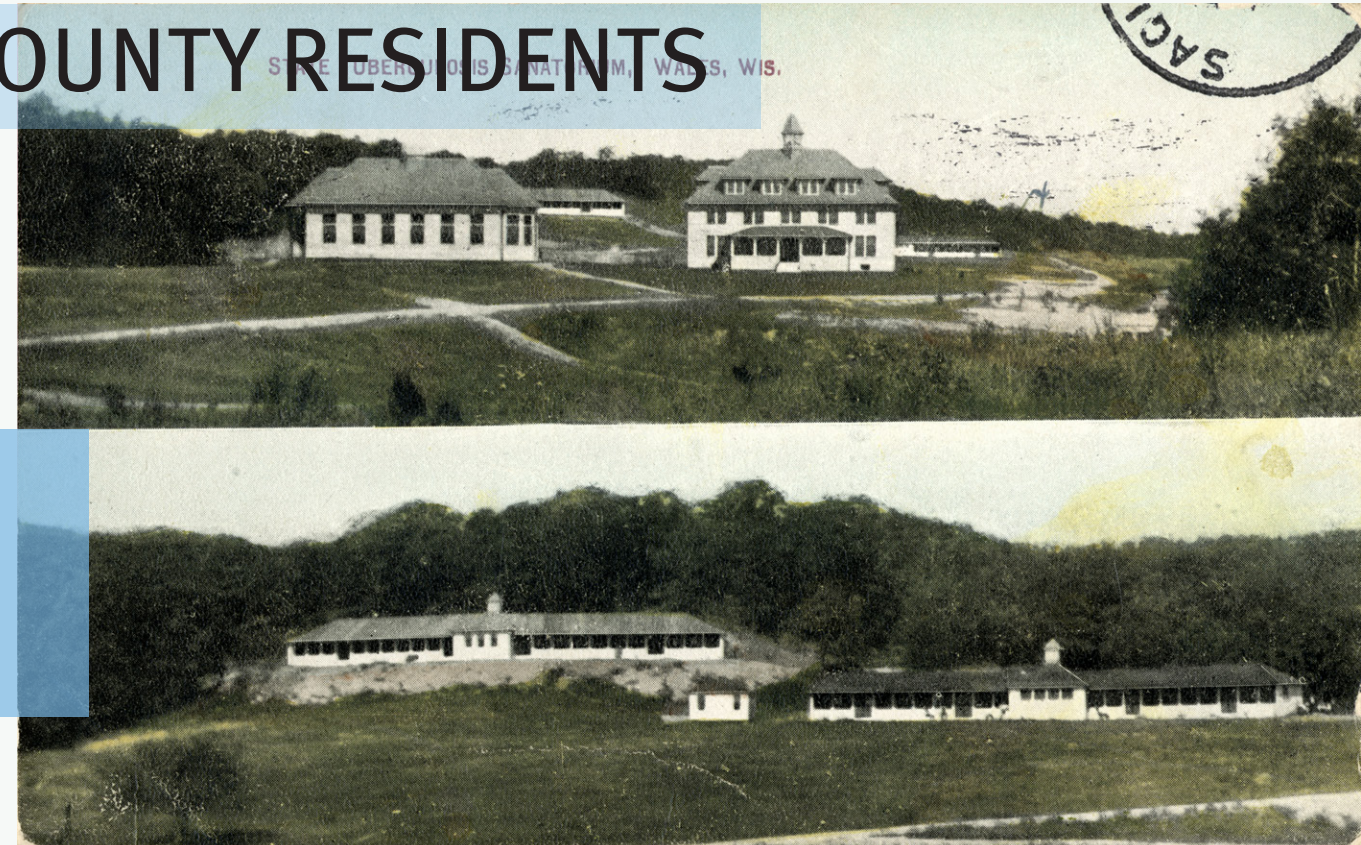
Tuberculosis was the **LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE U.S. IN THE EARLY 1900s**. Tuberculosis deaths in the state were first reported in 1893: 622 for the year. In 1905, a medical commission estimated 11 percent of Wisconsin deaths were from TB. Worldwide, the situation was dire: more than two million people a year died from tuberculosis.

In 1882, Robert Koch discovered that **TB WAS CAUSED BY A BACTERIUM AND THEREFORE WAS PREVENTABLE, NOT INHERITED**. But an antibiotic cure did not arrive until the 1940s. Beyond the heavy death toll, there was a social stigma attached to TB. Many Lake View patients felt shame at having the disease.

- i** Tuberculosis is usually found in the lungs but can spread to other organs. TB is an infection from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.
- i** TB symptoms include shortness of breath, cough, fevers, sweats, and pain in chest, back, or kidneys.
- i** After the antibiotic streptomycin was discovered in 1940s, TB treatment became more advanced.

TB FACILITIES for DANE COUNTY RESIDENTS

STATE SANATORIUM
Wales, Waukesha Co.
▶ opened 1907



PRIVATE SANATORIUM
Morningside, Monona
▶ opened 1918



DANE COUNTY SANATORIUM
Lake View, Madison
▶ opened 1930
▶ now Dane County Dept. of Human Services and Lake View Hill Park



A THIRD OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION CARRIES THE TUBERCULOSIS BACTERIUM, though 90 percent of people show no signs of infection and can't spread TB. As of the 2010s, the World Health Organization estimates TB still kills more than a million people per year around the world.

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