

Also in 1993, the 46 acre Lake View Sanatorium property was listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its significance related to the treatment of tuberculosis in Dane County. The statement of significance follows:

*Lake View Sanatorium is locally significant, under criterion C, in the City of Madison as an excellent example of a TB sanatorium property type. Its distinctive design characteristics such as: the isolated, hill-top location; landscaped grounds with paths so patients could walk and exercise; 'germ traps'; and porches for patients to take full advantage of the fresh air, are all typical of the medical establishments view of the appropriate method of treatment before the discovery and wide use of penicillin to cure the disease. Being the last county TB sanatorium constructed in the state, Lake View had the advantage of learning from earlier facilities, and so was thought by its administrators to be the best and most advanced sanatorium in the state.*

*...The facility is locally significant in the area of health/medicine. From the beginning, the sanatorium was not merely a building for housing sick TB patients. While it did do a significant medical service to Dane County by treating its tuberculous, it also had a very strong and active community outreach department. The sanatorium clinic took thousands of x-rays of people from the county to screen them for TB. It also administered home health care programs for the sanatorium or for whom there was not enough room. This was a unique aspect of the Dane County sanatorium. Other county facilities limited themselves to serving as in-patient hospitals, and never developed the kind of community services Dane County did.*

*Although Dane County was the last county in the State of Wisconsin to establish a county TB sanatorium, this became a distinct advantage for the citizens it served. Not only was the facility physically the most modern and up to date in the state, and therefore the most efficient and economical, but it also learned from other institutions that inpatient care was not necessarily enough. While most other county sanatoriums simply acted as caretakers for chronic TB patients, the Lake View Sanatorium was exceptional in its pro-active stance toward the disease with a strong emphasis on early detection and treatment.<sup>52</sup>*