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Manville Factory
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BENJAMIN SZYMANSKI

According to your request, I am writing you concerning Mr. Benjamin Szymanski.

This man has been followed by x-ray since March 11, 1932. Following that, he was x-rayed in 1940, which we felt was negative. Approximately two years later, in 9/23/41, it was felt that he had slight general fibotic changes with tubercular lesion at the right apex.

In 1943, my opinion was about the same.

In 1944, I felt that he had tuberculosis in both apacies; however, he was examined by the Somerset County Tuberculosis and Health Association, and it was felt that the changes found in his lungs, or fibrosis, was probably due to some other cause, presumably the inhalation of dust. Repeated sputum examination of this man have not brought any evidence of tuberculosis organisms.

Recently, this man was a patient at the Somerset Hospital, where his physician made a diagnosis of asbestosis. This, I do not feel, was concurred in by the x-ray department.

In my experience with asbestosis, I have never seen a case progress as rapidly as this. In my opinion the cause of this disability is a fibrous type of tuberculosis.

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