

# Susan La Flesche Picotte

Susan La Flesche Picotte was born on June 17, 1865 on the Omaha Reservation of eastern Nebraska. She left the reservation in 1884 to attend the Hampton Institute in Virginia and later earned a medical degree at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, becoming the first Native American woman doctor. She returned to the reservation and worked as a physician there until 1894. Working in private practice, she treated tribal and white people, advocating for better health care for all. She also was active in protecting Native American land rights against speculators and the federal bureaucracy. In 1913 she founded a reservation hospital, which was later named in her honor. Susan La Flesche Picotte died in 1915.



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