

Susan La Flesche Picotte

1865-1915

USA

Susan La Flesche Picotte was a Native American doctor, activist, and reformer in the late 19th century. Widely acknowledged as one of the first Indigenous peoples to earn a medical degree, she campaigned for public health and for the formal, legal allotment of land to members of the Omaha tribe. Picotte was an active social reformer who worked to discourage drinking on the reservation where she worked as the physician, as part of the temperance movement of the 19th century. She also campaigned to prevent and treat tuberculosis, which then had no cure, and worked to help other Omaha navigate the bureaucracy of the Office of Indian Affairs and receive the money owed to them for the sale of their land.

