



Colorado Biographies



Susan Anderson "Doc Susie" 1870 - 1960

- Born in 1870, Susie moved to Cripple Creek in 1891 during the Gold Rush.
- In 1897, she graduated from University of Michigan as a physician.
- Doc Susie was not accepted or respected as a physician in Denver, Greeley, or Eaton, but was finally welcomed in Fraser.
- Although the majority of her practice involved house calls she never owned a horse or car. She would find a ride when necessary.
- She was usually paid with firewood or food, so she was poor most of her life. When she was appointed Grand County Coroner, she finally had a steady salary and lived a much better life.
- During the great influenza epidemic of 1918, Doc Susie became widely known for saving pneumonia patients.
- Doc Susie died in 1960, while a resident of a Denver rest home, and is buried in Cripple Creek.

Great Resources on Susan Anderson (Doc Susie)

- Cornell, Virginia. *Doc Susie: the True Story of a Country Physician in the Colorado Rockies*. Carpinteria, California, 1991.
- Cunningham, Penny. *Doc Susie: Mountain Doctor*. Palmer Lake, CO: Filter Press, c2010.

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