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*The Dr. Susan La Flesche
Picotte Center*
RESTORATION PROJECT



In honor of Women's History Month, we are excited to offer assistance to our friends working to restore the Picotte Memorial Hospital in Walthill. The creation of the Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Center will provide needed community services and a wellness clinic for the Omaha Tribe and the residents of the Walthill area. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 in additional funding for the Dr. Susan Le Flesche Picotte Historical Museum, one of several new features included in the restoration plan. The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation is proud to help raise these funds.



Dr. Susan was the first indigenous person to become a physician in the United States. Born in the Nebraska Territory in 1865, she was the youngest child of the last formal chief of the Omaha Tribe. Concerned by the lack of medical attention paid to those living on the Omaha reservation, she was motivated to become a medical doctor.

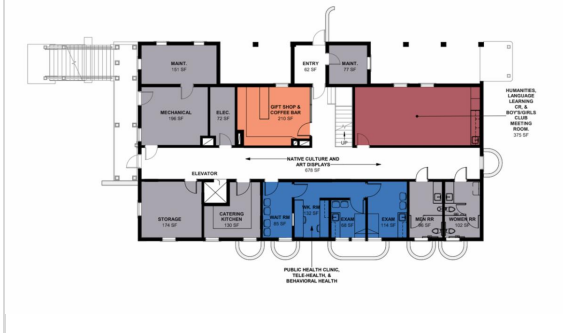
On March 14, 1889, Dr. Susan graduated at the top of her class from the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. She returned home to Nebraska where she dedicated the rest of her life to treating patients and teaching knowledge of common health practices to avoid the spread of disease.

The Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Memorial Hospital opened in 1913 and was named a National Historic Landmark in 1993. In 2017, the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs formed a Susan La Flesche Memorial Advisory Committee to restore the historic hospital.

Open to tourists, school groups, and history buffs, the new Center will include a medical clinic offering a variety of health and medical services, an educational and youth programming area, a reading room, a community garden showcasing traditional medicinal plants, a social services and counseling area for local families, a sweat lodge, an entrepreneurial and technology center and a Native American cultural space.

To date, \$60,000 has been raised by the NSHSF through the generosity of the D F Dillon Foundation but we need your help to raise the additional \$75,000. Please consider donating to this important project by clicking the link below.

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- A. David Butler
- B. Robert Furnas
- C. Thomas Cuming
- D. William Richardson

Scroll all the way to the bottom of the newsletter to find out the answer!

STATEWIDE GRANTS PROGRAM



Our 2022 Statewide Grants Program application process is underway!

Over 100 qualified 501c3 organizations around Nebraska have been contacted to apply for the program. If you are a 501c3 organization and have not been contacted by NSHSF, please [click here](#) to apply. The application deadline is April 30, 2022.



After overwhelming public interest in our newly launched WanderNebraska travel adventure program, we are excited to announce that 7 new sites have been invited to participate in the 2022 program!

Have you pre-ordered your WanderNebraska printed booklet yet? It will be available in April 2022 and will be downloadable on our website. [Click here](#) to pre-order.

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Governor Robert W. Furnas was the second governor of Nebraska and was a founder of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation. He lived in a two-story brick building in Brownville, now on the National Historic Register of Places and [owned by NSHSF](#). It is currently being leased by the Brownville Fine Arts Association.

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