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)