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Dr. J. S. Fulton,
Atoka, Oklahoma.

Dr. J. S. Fulton was born in Grayson County Texas in 1866. His father, Davil W. Fulton was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War, and a member of the brigade commanded by General Ross.

Dr. Fulton attended public schools in Texas and taught two years in that state. He was also salesman for the products of the Kerr Nursery Company of Sherman, Texas.

When Dr. Fulton came to atoka he was the only doctor in the town and county. The county was so sparsely settled that his practice was widely scattered in all directions. He traveled twenty to thirty miles to make his calls. His profession took him to old Boggy Depot where he practiced in the home of the Reverend Allen Wright.

His practice among the Indians consisted mostly of dressing wounds made from bullets or knives.

Many fights were caused by whiskey being sold to the Indians by bootleggers. Dr. Fulton has given an anesthetic and removed a limb without the help of another physician. Stringtown and Caddo were other

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historic towns in which he practiced medicine.

Dr. Fulton has served as Superintendent of Health since statehood and he is surgeon for the M. K. & T. Railroad.

The only mode of travel during his early practice was on horseback and later, he used a horse and buggy. As the roads were merely blazed trails he always carried an axe and shovel in his buggy and of course, he always carried a gun.

Dr. Fulton was always ready to go when called and would get up at any hour of the night even though he would have to start on a thirty-mile trip.

Dr. Fulton owns much property in Atoka and is still an active physician and is also manager of the Atoka Realty Co. He owns the McKinney homestead, an historic building in Atoka County.

The above biography of Dr. Fulton was given by Thomas P. Gregg of Durant, Oklahoma.