

Mother Of First Triplets Born In Chicago Dies

Mrs. Martha Jane Fulton, 6048 Aberdeen st., member of one of the city's pioneer families, and widow of the late William J. Fulton, died at her home this week after a long illness at the age of 80 years.

Mrs. Fulton is recorded in the annals of the Chicago Historical Society as the mother of the first Chicago-born triplets. A front page story with pictures in the Chicago Tribune of Thursday, Oct. 1, 1896 noted the event. The babies, two girls and a boy, were prematurely born, and because of lack of incubator facilities at that early date, died within a few days of birth.

Prominent Chicago leaders, among them the late Philip D. Armour, founder of the packing house dynasty, became interested in the family because of the multiple birth. The boy baby was named in Armour's honor.

Mrs. Fulton was a member of the Greater Bethesda Baptist church, of the Ohio club, and the Old Settlers club. Funeral services were held at the Metropolitan Funeral Home, with the Rev. A. A. Watts presiding, with interment at Mount Glenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Fulton is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Anna Bruce, Mrs. Gloria Frazier and Miss Elsie Fulton, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.