In 1900, Perthshire-born Myra Mackenzie became Aberdeen’s first female graduate in medicine. She went on to have a successful and prominent medical career, with appointments as Resident Physician and Surgeon at the Aberdeen Royal Hospital for Sick Children and later as School Medical Inspector for the County of Staffordshire.

In World War One, Dr Mackenzie joined the Scottish Women’s Hospital, working in Macedonia and Serbia for which she was highly commended by the Chief Medical Officer, Dr Isabel Emslie. “The staff have worked excellently. It was a difficult task for them to come into a filthy hospital full of ill cases, crawling with vermin, but they are all delighted with the result of their work. Dr Mackenzie and Dr Blake have been splendid.”

From 1925, Dr Mackenzie worked at the Lawn Psychiatric Hospital, Lincoln, where she was appointed Medical Superintendent in 1933 until her retirement in 1941.