

American Fork Woman's Death Investigated

**Domestic Difficulties Figure
in Shooting; Woman Is
Found Dead.**

Mrs. Frieda Riski Parker, 41, of American Fork, was found dead in her bed with a bullet hole in her right temple and a pistol by her side Thursday morning at 7 o'clock, the morning after she and her husband, Robert Ross Parker, has discussed the division of their property to be stipulated in their pending divorce.

Two conflicting bits of evidence are causing the investigating officers concern. In the divorce complaint which she filed against him October 16, she charged her husband with cruelty and of threatening to kill her at various times. But Wednesday night, when she was discussing the terms of the property settlement with her husband and G. P. Parker, his attorney, she had burst into tears and said: "If that's the case I might just as well blow my head off."

According to Mr. Parker and her husband, she had been disappointed because she had felt she should have more of the property.

Mr. Parker's bedroom is situated on one side of the house, her husband's is on the other. When he arose Thursday morning he went out to turn off the chicken coop lights and started a fire, then went to her door and found her dead. he told Sheriff E. G. Durnell, County Attorney W. S. Dunford and Deputy W. T. Lewis.

Today the officers are taking the gun to Salt Lake City for an examination of the fingerprints.

In March, 1935, Mrs. Parker became her husband's legal guardian by an action in the Fourth district court, declaring him in-

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