ADDISON, Arthur A.

Provision for a provincial police force was made by the Saskatchewan Government in 1905, and in 1910, the man who would develop this force arrived in the province. The Saskatchewan Provincial Police had a short life, being disbanded in 1928, when their duties were taken over by the RCMP.

In the short history of the Saskatchewan Provincial Police, only three members died while serving, and none in the line of duty.[1] One of these men, Corporal Arthur A. Addison, a member of the Saskatoon detachment, shot himself at the police barracks in Saskatoon on April 24, 1923. He was 42 years old.

He left a note which read:

> *"Too old, a failure, and tired. Worried over all the work and no men to do it. No hope. The police act would get me soon, anyway, as I can't get through the work. One payment to make on car. Forgive me God! Goodbye everybody, goodbye"*[2]

A news article from the *Saskatoon Daily Star*, dated April 23, 1923, stated his first name as Alfred, however, the burial permit at Woodlawn Cemetery and his grave marker confirm that his name was Arthur A. Addison.

He is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Block 61, Lot 36.

[1]*Saskatchewan's Own Police Force*, Anderson, Frank W., Gopher Books.
[2]*Saskatoon Daily Star*, April 23, 1923.

The note, quoted from the *Saskatoon Daily Star*, and the photograph of Addison from the article, are from the microfilm collection of the Saskatoon Public Library, Local History Room