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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Jordan, Lewis
1894 TX – 1954 TX

JORDAN LEWIS		4-19-54 LT. Xc 15-181 678	
Pvt Cas Co 5473		K	
Marfa Tex		A 1 754 560	
Ssn 2 515 36	Died 4-4-54	T 2 791 129	
Born 11/15/92		R	
Enl 11/19/17	Dte 7-23-19	Cl 948 064	
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Jordan Rites Pending

Special to EL PASO TIMES

Marfa, Texas. — Funeral services for Louis Jordan, who died here Sunday, Thursday were pending the arrival of a son, August Jordan, a Marine en route from Korea.

The services will be conducted by American Legion Post Romand Morales here with full military honors. Mr. Jordan was a World War I veteran.

In addition to his son, other survivors include a brother Juan P. Jordan of Crane, Texas, and his mother, Mrs. Josefa Perez Caserez of Marfa.

"El Paso (TX) Times" 9 Apr 1954 p 36 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/429713535/?terms=%22august%20jordan%22&mat ch=1>

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

STATE OF TEXAS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NO. 8825

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY *Hessdrie*
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) *Marfa*
c. LENGTH OF STAY (in this place)
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION *none*

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission).
a. STATE *Texas* b. COUNTY *Hessdrie*
c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) *Marfa*
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location)

3. NAME OF DECEASED
a. (First) *Tommie* b. (Middle) *L.* c. (Last) *Jordan*
4. DATE OF DEATH *Feb. 25-1952*

5. SEX *Female* 6. COLOR OR RACE *negro* 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) *married* 8. DATE OF BIRTH *April 8-1892* 9. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS *59 10 17* 10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) *housewife* 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) *Austin, Texas*

12. FATHER'S NAME *Thomas Lawoska* BIRTHPLACE *Texas* 13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME *Clara Jones* BIRTHPLACE *Texas*

14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) *unknown* 15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. *unknown* 16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE *August L. Jordan*

17. CAUSE OF DEATH
Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)
*This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.

I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) *No attending physician. Patient*
ANTECEDENT CAUSES
Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last.
DUE TO (b) *was asthmatic. August*
DUE TO (c) *fell.*

II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS
Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.

18a. DATE OF OPERATION 18b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION

19. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☒

20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify) 20b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) 20c. (CITY, TOWN, OR PRECINCT NO.) (COUNTY) (STATE)

20d. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) 20e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐ 20f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____, that I last saw the deceased alive on _____, 19____, and that death occurred at _____ m., from the causes and on the date stated above.

22a. SIGNATURE *Arthur Knight Jr.* (Degree or title) 22b. ADDRESS *Marfa, Texas* 22c. DATE SIGNED *2/28/52*

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) 23b. DATE *Feb. 28-1952* 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY *Austin*

23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) *Austin, Texas* 24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE *Noland L. Kelly*

25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. *1252* 25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR *2-27-52* 25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE *H. J. Jordan*

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TX death record of wife Tommie, identifying her as Negro -

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

STATE OF TEXAS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NO. 19460

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY *Presidio*

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission).
a. STATE *Texas* b. COUNTY *Presidio*

3. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.)
b. CITY OR TOWN *Marfa*

4. LENGTH OF STAY (in this place)
c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.)
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location)
None

5. NAME OF DECEASED
a. (First) *Lewis* b. (Middle) *Jordan* c. (Last) *Jordan*

6. DATE OF DEATH *April 4 - 1954*

7. SEX *Male* 8. COLOR OR RACE *Negro* 9. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) *Widowed*

10. DATE OF BIRTH *July 20 - 1894* 11. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS OF UNDER 24 HRS. *59 11 14*

12. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) *Carpenter* 13. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) *St. Louis, Mo.*

14. FATHER'S NAME *John Jordan* BIRTHPLACE *St. Louis, Mo.* 15. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME *Josephine Perry* BIRTHPLACE *St. Louis, Mo.*

16. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (If yes, give war or dates of service) *No* 17. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. *None* 18. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE *Lewis Jordan*

19. CAUSE OF DEATH
Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)
I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) *Heart attack*
II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS
Antecedent causes: *Probably Coronary Occlusion*
Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.

20. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
18a. DATE OF OPERATION *None* 18b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION *None*

21. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify) *None* 22. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) *None* 23. (CITY, TOWN, OR PRECINCT NO.) (COUNTY) (STATE)

24. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) (Minute) 25. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐ 26. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?

27. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from *1954*, to *1954*, that I last saw the deceased alive on *April 4, 1954*, and that death occurred at *Marfa, Texas*, from the causes and on the date stated above.

28. SIGNATURE (Deputy or title) *J. V. Marfa, Tex.* 29. ADDRESS *Marfa, Tex.* 30. DATE SIGNED *4-20-54*

31. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) *Burial* 32. DATE *April 10 - 1954* 33. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY *Merced*

34. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) *Marfa, Texas* 35. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE *Voland L. Rooley*

36. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. *1312* 37. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR *4-20-54* 38. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE *Verdell Lee*

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Note TX death certificate of Lewis Jordan lists his race as Negro (Black) -

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<u>Jordan, Lewis</u>		<u>251,536</u>	<u>1</u>
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	* White * Colored
Residence: <u>Marfa - Jeff Davis TEXAS</u>		(State)	
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(County)
*Inducted at <u>Ft Davis Tex</u>		on <u>Oct 31, 19</u> <u>17</u>	
Place of birth: <u>Ft Davis Tex</u>		Age or date of birth: <u>26 yrs</u>	
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: <u>3 Co Serv Bn ASC to Disch</u>			
Grades, with date of appointment: <u>Pvt</u>			
Engagements:			
Wounds or other injuries received in action: <u>None.</u>			
Served overseas from <u>Jan 6/18</u> to <u>June 18/18</u> from <u>June 30</u> , 19 <u>19</u>			
Honorably discharged on demobilization <u>June 30</u> , 19 <u>19</u>			
In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported <u>0</u> per cent disabled.			
Remarks:			

Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.
Nov. 22, 1919.

TX WWI military record – Lewis identified as white -

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REGISTRATION CARD No. 13

1	Name in full <u>Livio Jordan</u> (Given name) (Family name)	Age in yrs <u>26</u>
2	Home address <u>St. Louis, Mo.</u> (No.) (Street) (City) (State)	
3	Date of birth <u>1891</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Natural born</u>	
5	Where were you born? <u>St. Louis, Mo.</u> (Town) (State) (Country)	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation or office? <u>laborer</u>	
8	By when employed? Where employed?	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>None</u>	
10	Married or single (which)? <u>Single</u> Race (specify which)? <u>Spanish</u>	
11	What military service have you had? Rank <u>Private</u> Branch <u>Infantry</u> Name of organization or branch <u>Mexico</u>	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>No</u>	

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

X
(Signature of registrant)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 1 35

1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Short</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Stout</u>
2	Color of eyes? <u>Brown</u> Color of hair? <u>Black</u> Bald?
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>No</u>

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

From appearance he is of African descent although he is of the contrary.

J. J. Kennedy
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct 3

City or County St. Louis

State Mo.

June 5, 1917
(Date of registration)

WWI draft card shows the registrar believed him to be Black from his appearance but lists him as Spanish American –

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NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

1. PLACE OF DEATH		TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		31340	
STATE OF TEXAS		COUNTY OF <u>Bexar</u>			
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <u>7</u>		SAN ANTONIO STATE HOSPITAL		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION	
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <u>Santos Jordan</u>					
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED <u>2</u> YEARS <u>3</u> MONTHS <u>24</u> DAYS.		(SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____)			
RESIDENCE OF THE DECEASED AND NO. _____		CITY _____		COUNTY <u>Presidio</u> STATE <u>Texas</u>	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL PARTICULARS		
3. SEX <u>Male</u>		4. COLOR OR RACE <u>Mex. & Negro</u>		17. DATE OF DEATH <u>July 25</u> , 194 <u>0</u>	
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (WRITE THE WORD) <u>Single</u>				18. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM <u>July 1</u> , 194 <u>0</u> , TO <u>July 25</u> , 194 <u>0</u>	
6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>November 1, 1919</u>				I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON <u>July 25</u> , 194 <u>0</u>	
7. AGE <u>20</u> YEARS <u>8</u> MONTHS <u>24</u> DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 DAY _____ HOURS _____ MIN				THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT <u>12:55 A.M.</u>	
8A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>None</u>				THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS: <u>HYPOSTATIC PNEUMONIA</u>	
8B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED _____				CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE <u>EPILEPSY</u>	
9. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Marfa, Texas</u>					
10. NAME <u>John Jordan</u>					
11. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Fort Davis, Texas</u>					
12. MAIDEN NAME <u>Casimara Estrella</u>					
13. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>U. S.</u>					
14. SIGNATURE <u>Records, San Antonio State Hospital</u>					
ADDRESS <u>Lock Box 1840, San Antonio, TEXAS</u>					
15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Marfa, Texas</u>					
DATE <u>July 26, 1940</u>					
16. SIGNATURE <u>Porter Loring, Undertaker</u>					
ADDRESS <u>San Antonio, TEXAS</u>					
20. FILE NUMBER <u>7-76</u>		SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>Q L Hillyer</u>		POSTOFFICE ADDRESS _____	
				TEXAS	

death of Santos Jordan at age 20 years, on 25 Jul 1940 – Is he the nephew of Lewis, the son of his brother Juan/John Jordan? Or a half-brother? Or full brother?
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[illegible]

This appears to be Lewis's brother Juan P. Jordan, here listed as John - Convict number 35639 Huntsville TX – John Jordan, age 23, height 5'11 ¼" – 136 lbs., light brown complexion, medium dark brown eyes, black hair, 2 scars on left index finger, upper forearm, 2 scars back of left hand, size 9 shoes, not married, uses tobacco, temperate habits, limited education, able to read, able to write, 2 years of school, born 1891, place of birth left blank, father born TX

Mexico - Tezcuere Jan. 7 1914 Muzzleloader 2 Years Jeff Davis Ft. Davis Smith Feb. 7 1914 Jan. 7 1916 Dec changed Dec 10 1915

Mother born Mexico, occupation: laborer, convicted 7 Jan 1914 of manslaughter, term of imprisonment 2 years, from Jeff Davis County, resident of Fort Davis, guilty plea, received in prison 7 Feb 1914, sentence expiration 7 Jan 1916, discharged 10 Nov 1915

Texas, U.S., Convict and Conduct Registers, 1875-1945 for John Jordan

Convict Record Ledgers > Huntsville > B 032061-037000

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Born at Fort Davis, Jeff Davis County TX - <https://www.nps.gov/foda/index.htm>

75	75	Rachal, Phyllis M.	Wife	B. M.	1854	46	M	24		Mississippi
		— Clara	Wife	B. F.	1856	44	M	24	11 11	Mississippi
		— Ora W.	Daughter	B. F.	1877	23	S			Texas
		— Andrew	Son	B. M.	1881	19	S			Texas
		— Annie P.	Daughter	B. F.	1884	15	S			Texas
		— Lonica	Daughter	B. F.	1886	13	S			Texas
		— Corline	Daughter	B. F.	1887	11	S			Texas
		— Lottie	Daughter	B. F.	1890	9	S			Texas
		— James	Son	B. M.	1892	7	S			Texas
		— William	Son	B. M.	1894	5	S			Texas
		— Carl	Son	B. M.	1897	3	S			Texas
		— Robert R.	Son	B. M.	1899	1	S			Texas

1900 census – Justice Precinct 4, Caldwell Co. TX – Tommie Lawsha not listed but Lottie is

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4111992_00612?usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB20781&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=43115530

2004 217 222	Lawsha, Thomas C	14 year H	M	M	48	M	29		Arkansas
	— Clara	Wife	F	M	47	M	29	16 11	Texas
	— Lottie	Daughter	F	M	19	S			Texas
	— Willie	Son	M	M	14	S			Texas
	— Coile	Son	M	M	12	S			Texas
	— Robert	Son	M	M	10	S			Texas
	— James	Son	M	M	17	S			Texas
	— Innie	Daughter	F	M	7	S			Texas

1910 census – Austin, Travis Co. TX, 2004 E. 14th St. – family is now listed as mulatto –
Tommie Lawsha not listed but Lottie is -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/4455037_00384?usePU B=true& phsrc=hFB20782& phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=28675329

Name: Lewis Jordan

Name variations: Louis Jordan

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals - private

Serial number: 251,536

Entered service from: Marfa, Presidio TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Lewis Jordan

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Josepha Perez, Marfa TX

Returned from war on: "Agamemnon" Jun 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Lewis Jordan

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father John Jordan, Marfa TX (PFC, 3rd Co., Ser. C. Bn. 1st RD)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Lewis Jordan - b. 1891 Fort Davis TX; res: Fort Davis TX. Single. Laborer, Spanish-American race. Private in the infantry for 2 months in Mexico. He made an X mark (and there is no signature by the registrar). "from appearance he is of African descent although swears to the contrary" – the bottom left-hand corner on the 1st page was cut off the card to indicate he was Black (colored).

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): Marfa TX

World War II draft registration (1942): as Lewis [middle name: none] Jordan - b. May 1892 Fort Davis TX, res: Marfa, Presidio TX, NOK Mrs. Tommy Jordan, Marfa TX. Employed by P.A. Jackson, Marfa, Presidio TX. Race: white. Height: 5'9" – 185 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 19 Nov 1917

Discharged 23 Jul 1919

Address: Marfa TX

Rank/unit: private, Cas Co 5473

TX, WWI military record:

Lewis Jordan, race: white, serial 251536. Resident of Marfa, Jeff Davis Co. TX. Born Ft. Davis TX. Inducted into the Army on 31 Oct 1917 at age 26. In 3 Co. Serv Bn ASC to discharge. Rank: private. Overseas 6 Jan 1918 to 18 Jan 1919. Discharged 30 Jun 1919. 0% disabled.

Birth & death:

Born: 20 Jul 1894 Fort Davis TX [WWI draft: 1891] [WWII draft: May 1892] [Social Security: 9 Jun 1893]

Died: 4 Apr 1954 Marfa, Presidio TX

Find A Grave record:

Burial location: Marfa, Presidio TX

Cemetery: Cementario de la Merced ("Merced Cemetery") according to TX death certificate
Tombstone:

Father: John Jordan, listed as born in Fort Davis, Jeff Davis Co. TX. Presumably dead by Aug 1932. His widow Josefa Perez Jordan applies for his Army pension on 23 Aug 1932 in TX. John had served in the Indian Wars as part of the 9th US Cavalry, F Co. The bounty land was at Fort Davis TX. A note said he had died. Found a John W. Jordan (1858 TX – 1908) buried in Marfa TX, F: 205480824, whose wife was Ida Lee Kerr (1870-1942). Might he have been born 19 Mar 1878, d. 21 May 1947, SSN 551-30-7847?

Find A Grave:

Mother: Josefa/Josepha Perez Jordan Casarez, b. ca. 1876 or 1879 Mexico – 1 Oct 1960 Presidio Co. TX. Was 1st married at age 13, she claimed. She was married to Serapis Casarez (whose surname appears spelled in several variations).

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Tommie L. (apparently Lottie) Lawsha --- Jordan, 8 Apr 1892 Austin, Travis TX – 25 Feb 1952 Marfa, Presidio TX. Daughter of Thomas Lawsha (Lasha) & Clara Jones. Reported she was age 13 at her 1st marriage. Seems to appear as Lottie Lawsha in the 1900 & 1910 censuses. In the 1910 census for Austin, Travis TX, Lottie Lawsha resides with her family at 2004 E. 14th St. They are identified as mulatto.

Ancestry.com TX death certificates account for several of Tommie's siblings. They are all identified on their death certificates as Negro (Black). Her siblings include Andrew Jackson Lawsha (1882-1959, F: 80108032), Lula B. Lawsha Jones (1887-1982, F: 172899518), James Lawsha (1898-1951), Caroline Frances Lawsha Jones (1906-1971), Thomas Carl Lawsha (1907-1963), Lida M. Thompson Dillworth (1910-1974), Robert L. (Lasha) Lawsha (1910-1971, F: 180063206), Susie Lasha (1913-1965). Many of her family members are buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Dallas, Dallas TX. Her TX death certificate lists her parents' birthplace as MS. "No attending physician. Patient was asthmatic. Inquest held." Race: Negro. Married. Died at age 59 years, 1 months, 17 days. Housewife. Buried in Marfa TX, with body removed on 28 Feb 1952 at Austin TX.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: ca. 1925 (according to his response in the 1930 census)

Children:

- Gustavo Victor (August) Jordan, 29 Apr 1931 Marfa, Presidio TX – 13 Apr 1997 San Diego Co. CA. SSN 450-50-7676. Social Security lists his race as white. Son of Lewis Jordan & Tommie Lasha. Was a corporal in the US Marine Corps 13 Jul 1951 to 12 Jul 1954. Married Juna M. Heneka 30 Dec 1954 in San Diego Co. CA. In the 1973 San Diego, San Diego Co. CA city directory, Gustavo V. Jordan & wife June M. live at 3587 Monroe Avenue. He is a maintenance man for the Stardust Motor Hotel. – Buried in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, San Diego CA. F: 854978

Relative: is Santos the son? Brother? Half-brother? of Lewis?

- Listed as a grandson of Josefa Perez Jordan Casarez in the 1940 census (13 Apr 1940) is Santos Jordan. In the 1930 census listed as the son of Josefa. He died on 25 Jul 1940 at age 20 years, 8 months, 24 days, in the San Antonio State Hospital of hypostatic pneumonia, with epilepsy as a contributing factor. He had been hospitalized from 1 Jul 1940 to 25 Jul

1940. Santos was born 1 Nov 1919 in Marfa, Presidio TX, son of John Jordan (b. Fort Davis TX) and Casimara Estrella (b. US). He was buried in Marfa TX. Santos's race was listed as Mexican/Negro.

Siblings:

- Juan P. (John) Jordan, 12 Apr 1890 Fort Davis, Jeff Davis Co. TX - Seems to be TX convict 35639 who was an inmate at the Huntsville TX prison from 1914 to 1915 for manslaughter. Identified as Black in the 1940 census. – On his WWI (1917) draft card, he is single, a laborer, age 27, tall & slender, registered in Jeff Davis Co., birthdate of 12 Apr 1890 Fort Davis TX. - He may be the Juan Jordan who obtained a marriage license with Maria Pilar Saenz in 1925 ("El Paso Times" Tuesday 17 Feb 1925 p 5).

Notes:

This family has proved challenging.

In regard to race, family members have been identified as White, Negro (Black), mulatto and Latino (Spanish-American).

According to his WWI (1917) draft registrar, Lewis looked African-American although he claimed he wasn't. His wife Tommie and her family are always identified as Negro (Black). Since the Texas laws against interracial marriage were not struck down until the US Supreme Court ruling in 1967 in *Loving v. Virginia*, had Lewis identified himself as white after he married Tommie, he would have been in violation of Texas miscegenation laws. In the 1940 census, his Latino mother Josefa identifies herself as White while her two sons are identified as Black.

Use this data with caution as it requires more research.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Austin (TX) American" 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the survivors: Lewis Jordan of Marfa TX

Post-war:

Obituary:

"El Paso (TX) Times" 9 Apr 1954 p 36 - "Jordan Rites Pending" as Lewis's son August Jordan, US Marine Corps, is en route home from Korea. Lewis died in Marfa TX. Services to be conducted by American Legion (Marfa). Other survivors are his brother Juan P. Jordan (Crane TX) & mother Mrs. Josefa Perez Caserez (Marfa). WWI veteran.

TX death certificate – Lewis Jordan, b. 20 Jul 1894 Fort Davis TX. Resident of Marfa, Presidio TX; died in Marfa, Presidio TX at age 59 years, 11 months, 14 days on 4 Apr 1954. Race: Negro. Carpenter. Son of John Jordan (b. Fort Davis TX) & Josefa Perez (b. Fort Davis TX). Widowed. Died of a heart

attack, probably coronary occlusion. Buried in Merced Cemetery 10 Apr 1954, with undertaker from Marfa TX.

Social Security number: 466-07-5591. Social Security records list him as White.

Censuses:

1900 Justice Precinct 1, Jeff Davis Co. TX – is this his father?

John Jordan, 56 TN, parents b. VA, Black, partner, general store. Single. Birthplaces of his parents are unknown.

1910 Justice Precinct 1, Jeff Davis Co. TX – is this his father?

John Jourdan, 60 TN, parents' birthplaces unknown, single, Black, cook for private family

1930 Justice Precinct 1, Marfa, Presidio TX

Louis Jordan, 36 TX, Negro, parents b. TX, carpenter, building, age 31 at 1st marriage, WWI veteran

Tommie, 34 TX, Negro, father b. Mexico, mother b. OK, age 13 at 1st marriage

1930 Marfa, Presidio TX – his mother & stepfather

Srapis Casarez, 55 Mexico, parents b. Mexico, age 40 at 1st marriage, carpenter, lumber company

Josepha M. Casarez, 55 Mexico, parents b. Mexico, age 16 at 1st marriage

Santos J. Casarez, 11 TX, parents b. Mexico

[all are of the Mexican race]

1940 Marfa, Presidio TX – all lived in the same house in 1935 – conducted 13 Apr 1940

Serapio Casaras, 62 Mexico, white, naturalized [head of household]

Josepha P. Casaras, 62 Mexico, white, naturalized [wife] [she is the mother of Louis & Juan]

Louis Jordan, 47 TX, Negro, cement worker [son]

Tommie Jordan, 42 TX, Negro [daughter-in-law]

Santos Jordan, 21 TX, Negro [grandson]

August Jordan, 9 TX, Negro [grandson]

Juan Jordan, 49 TX, Negro, laborer, W.P.A. project, US Army Camp [son]