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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Jordan, William Fringer
1897 IL – 1954 OH



PRIVATE WILL FRINGER JORDAN.
Son of Will F. Jordan, Pana,
and a member of 100th Aero
Squadron.

William Fringer Jordan - "Decatur (IL) Herald" 8 Feb 1918 p 1



William Fringer Jordan - <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/KNHF-CZ1>



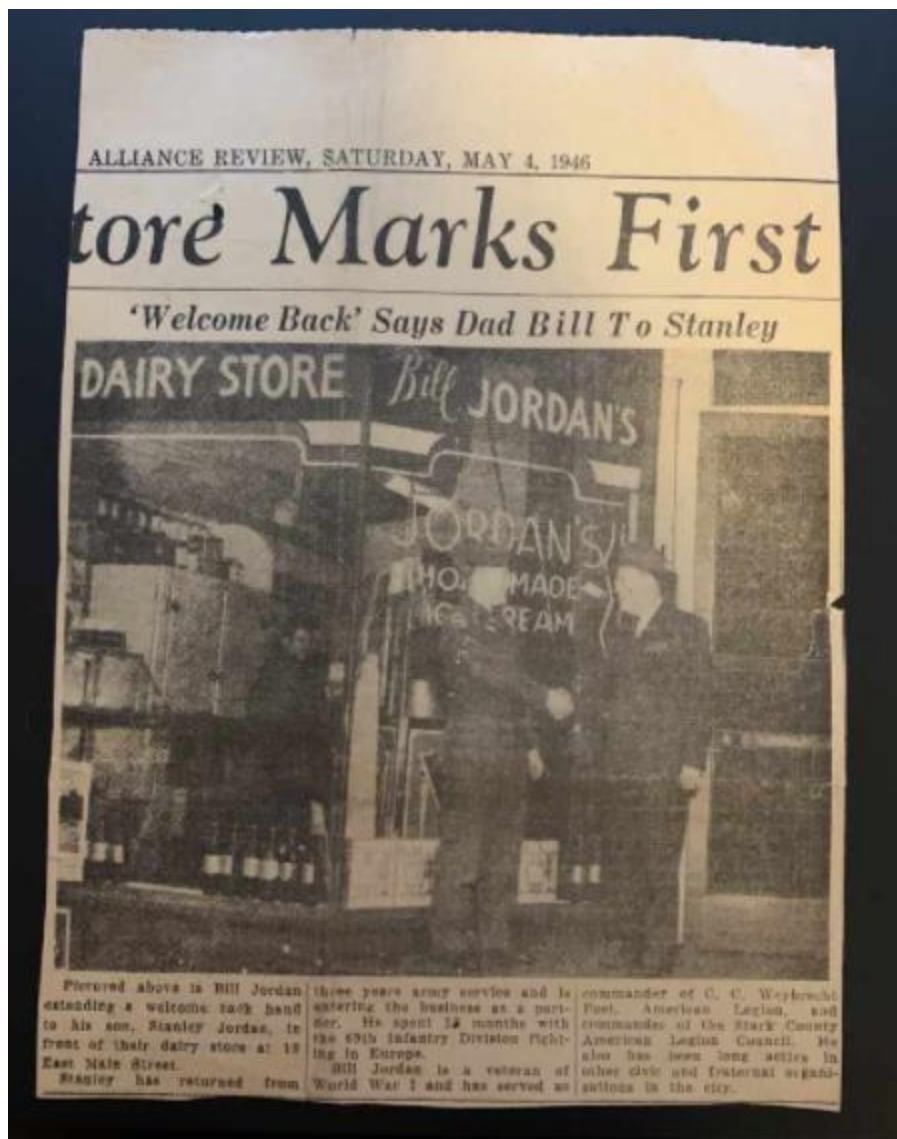
In the American Legion, Alliance OH - <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/KNHF-CZ1>

William Fringer Jordan

Michigan, Census of World War I Veterans with Card Index, 1917-1919

Name:	William Fringer Jordan [William Fringer Jordon] [William Fronger Jordon]
Event Type:	Military Service
Event Date:	16 Aug 1917
Event Place:	Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States
Event Place (Original):	Columbus, Ohio
Residence Place:	Flint, Genesee
Military Unit Note:	100th Aero Squad
Military Final Rank:	Chauffeur 1st Class
Birth Date:	27 May 1897
Birthplace:	Pana, Ill
Father's Name:	William Jordan [William Jordon]
Mother's Name:	Lily Jordan [Lily Jordon]
Spouse's Name:	Edna Francis Proctor
Spouse's Birth Date:	20 Sep 1900
Spouse's Birthplace:	San Francisco, Cal

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/KNHF-CZ1>



son Stanley Collins Jordan returns from WWII – “Alliance (OH) Review” Saturday 4 May 1946.

William & Edna lived above the Jordan’s Dairy Store; Stan will join them as a partner. -

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/KNHF-CZ1>

JORDAN, WILLIAM FRINGER *WU Xc 11-18-54 21-15-485-878*

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INDEX CARD

RUNAWAY YOUTH IS HEARD FROM

Will Jordan, of Pana, Mysteriously Disappears, and Is Located in Mobile, Ala.

PANA, Ill., Sept. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Jordan received the welcome news Tuesday afternoon in the form of a wire from their niece, Mrs. Hazel Harrington of Mobile, Ala., that their son, Will Fringer Jordan, who disappeared from Pana rather mysteriously last Tuesday night, had arrived at her home Tuesday afternoon and was well and happy. No further explanation was given in the message, but it is presumed that the young man had gone to Mobile in the hopes of obtaining employment in the automobile garage of his cousin, Charles W. Harrington.

Stole Ride.

The youth had "dead-headed" his way to Mobile, a distance of almost 200 miles and was but one week in making the trip. He had been encouraged by certain of his companions in Pana. It has been learned, to not go to high school upon their declarations that he would have trouble pleasing his instructors. He had also expressed a desire to go out into the world and earn his own livelihood and in this he is said to have been encouraged by certain other boys who had made trips away from home.

Mr. Jordan, who is editor of the Pana Palladium, wired to his son last evening asking him if he wished to return to Pana, agreeing to wire him money for transportation if he so desired. Mrs. Jordan, mother of the youthful adventurer, has been on the verge of nervous prostration ever since he disappeared. The news of his being in Mobile came as a cheering messenger of health restoration and she was much improved last evening.

Will runs away from home – "Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Wednesday 3 Sep 1913 p 11

Will Fringer Jordan, the 16-year-old son of Will F. Jordan, who disappeared under singular circumstances from his home in Pana three weeks ago and was not heard from for 10 days, when he was located with relatives in Mobile, Ala., returned home yesterday. As a result there was great rejoicing in the Jordan household. The young man made his way to Mobile, Ala., where one of his cousins, Mrs. J. W. Harrington, resides, and remained there until his parents sent for him to return to Pana and enter township high school. He explained yesterday that he left Pana for the south in search of work in the automobile business with his cousin, Mr. Harrington, because he was anxious to learn the automobile business and earn his own way in the world.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Tuesday 16 Sep 1913 p 11

William Fringer Jordan, the young man who disappeared from his home about three weeks ago, returned to Pana on Sunday evening. The young man entered the Pana township high school Monday morning.

"Decatur (IL) Daily Review" Tuesday 16 Sep 1913 p 9

PANA YOUNG MAN IS SEVERELY INJURED

PANA, Aug. 27.—During a runaway to a delivery team of the Martin Poultry House in North Locust street Wednesday morning, Charles Wilkinson, the driver, was thrown off the top of several chicken crates on the wagon and sustained serious injuries when the wheels of the wagon passed over his chest. Wilkinson sustained several fractured ribs and internal injuries, it is feared, that may prove serious.

Will Fringer Jordan, driver of Sell's delivery wagon, in attempting to grasp the reins of the run away team and stop them came near being caught under some of the falling crates and being injured. Young Jordan saw the crates as they were about to topple from the top of the poultry wagon and decided to let the team run on its course and himself hike for safety upon the sidewalk.

The team was standing in front of the poultry house on East Third street when it took fright at a falling crate and started on a run. During the runaway of the team Wilkinson fell off the seat of the wagon underneath the wheels and they passed over him.

Will's attempt to stop a runaway wagon - "Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Thursday 27 Aug 1914 p 10

WILL F. JORDAN, PANA, IS SAVED

**Captain Howard Bushnell,
Clinton, Also Among
Tuscania Survivors**

PANA, Feb. 9—"The War Department is pleased to inform you that your son is safe." This message from Sen. James Hamilton Lewis brought happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Jordan just before 5 o'clock this afternoon. Their son, Will Fringer Jordan, was one of the Central Illinois boys aboard the Tuscania, a member of No. 100 aero squadron. About one hour later an official telegram from Adj. Gen. McAin told that the boy was among the survivors.

Sen. Lewis promised Thursday that he would send Mr. Jordan first word received as to the boy's safety.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 3

PANA MAN TELLS OF TUSCANIA TRIP

**Will F. Jordan Describes Graphically
Experience on Torpedoed
Boat**

PANA, March 10.—The first word that Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Jordan, of East Third street, have received from their son, Private Will F. Jordan, of the 103th Aero squadron, who was aboard the ill-fated Tuscania, sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast, the evening of Feb. 6, last, since the one worded cable of four weeks ago next Tuesday of "Safe," signed by him, came in the form of three letters and one postcard through the mails Saturday afternoon. The letters all bear date of postmark of Winchester, England, and are dated Feb. 11, 12 and 17. The postcard is without a mark. All of the letters had been opened by the censor, but there was not the deletion of a single word.

However, the first letter that the Panaero soldier wrote has probably gone astray and went down on the boat with 30,000 letters of other soldiers "over there," told in Saturday's press dispatches. This is taken by his parents as a matter of course, because he refers in all three of his letters and on his postcard to having his parents send him at once the articles he had previously written for. It is therefore taken that in his first letter he told probably of the details of his experience when the big liner was sent down.

Knows God Was With Him.

The only reference which the Panaero soldier boy makes in either of the three letters received Saturday to the sinking of the Tuscania and his experience follows, and came in the letter of Feb. 11:

"I want to tell you, dear folks, when a fellow floated around in life boat for 15 miles and landed on a rocky coast and rolled around in the big waves and rocks at night he knows that the good Lord was with him.

"The Lord has saved my life once and it is my duty to take every possibly risk to fight and avenge the deaths of my brother soldiers and win a fight for all humanity and for the greatest cause in the world. And it's worth dying for, and I intend to do my bit. So, mother, if they get me, you will know it is the great cause for which I am happy to die, but don't worry."

Portions of Private Jordan's letters of the 11th and 17th follow, there being only matters of a personal nature in the letter of the 12th inst.:

"My Dear Mother and Dad:

"Well, how are my dear mother and dad? I am feeling fine today, but I am anxious to get into action on the Germans. They took the lives of my dear brothers on the Tuscania and never gave them even a chance. I pray that the Tuscania incident will awake America and stir all the patriotism that is within them. I also pray that all able-bodied men will join in and help in our great war for humanity and freedom for all the world.

"My brother soldiers have not died in vain, but have given their lives that the great Allied countries, who are fighting for world's democracy, may win.

Making Spring Garden.

"It is a very pretty sunshine day over here. Spring is breaking through and the people are beginning with garden and farm work. It sure has been a long time for me to wait for a letter from you, and it is my guess that it seems long since you have heard from me. I went into town yesterday and among the sights I saw a wonderful cathedral, the old Winchester cathedral. It is about 963 years old, I am told.

"Things over here do not look so bad and I believe we are going to lick the Germans before very long. I still hope to be a pilot of an American aeroplane before long, but can tell more about that when I get to my field or station. I hope the sea is full of letters coming to me. I trust that you received my cable of "Safe" from London. Money goes very fast over here; guess it does everywhere, for that matter.

"Please find out if possible to what company of marines Clarence Barnett of Pana belongs. I know he is over here; also Glenn McTaggart. Also what is Clarence Lee's address. Good by, with much love to all of you dear ones.

"FRINGER."

Wire From Son.

Will F. Jordan, newspaperman of Pana, received a cablegram this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his son, Private Will Fringer Jordan, dated London, telling of his safety. The young Pana boy was on the ill-fated *Tuscania*, sunk last Wednesday by a German submarine and on Saturday reported by Senator James Hamilton Lewis and Adjutant General McCain as safe.

It is taken from the cablegram that Private Jordan is well and in good condition. He was landed on the northern coast of Ireland. His parents had been greatly worried ever since learning that he was saved from the *Tuscania*, fearing that he was probably injured and in a hospital. They had not expected a cablegram from him, but the message brought great cheer to their hearts this afternoon.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 2

It is also worthy of note that Pana had one boy on the ill-fated *Tuscania*, Will Fringer Jordan of the 100th Aero Squadron, son of Will F. Jordan, a newspaperman, who was saved, while 31 of his comrades were lost.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Sunday 3 Mar 1918 p 15

PANA BOY ON TUSCANIA DASHED AGAINST ROCKS

Will Fringer Jordan Writes
Parents of Escape in Life-
boat That Was Wrecked.

7 COMPANIONS KILLED

Thirteen Survivors Lay From
Midnight Till Morning in Cold
Wind on Scotch Coast.

Will Fringer Jordan of the 100th Aero Squadron, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jordan of Pana, Ill., and brother of Miss Irene L. Jordan of 5223 Cates avenue, St. Louis, escaped from the torpedoed Tuscania in a leaking lifeboat, which was dashed on the rocks of the Irish coast, according to a letter which has been received by his parents, relating how his life was saved. Seven of the 20 men in the boat were killed when it struck the rocks.

Writes of Disaster.

"I was down on Deck E at the kitchen when we were hit by the bomb of the German U-boat," he writes. "It struck amidships. Not a soul said we are hit, for we all knew it. The lights went out immediately and when I got to my place on B deck, waiting for my lifeboat, 19-A, the ship was listing badly. We got our boat about 20 minutes later, slid down a long rope to lifeboat. All the men on the boat were real soldiers and stood their turn like men.

"A destroyer was by our side when I went over the boat to the sea, but I went into the lifeboat as instructed. There were 20 of us in this boat, a frail affair, and we had to bale water from her from the very start, for she leaked like a sieve, damaged in lowering to the water.

"We all prayed and God answered our prayers. We floated from the north coast of Ireland, where torpedoed, to the Scottish coast. We landed just as our boat was full of water. The boat was smashed to pieces by the breakers and beat to death seven of our boys on the rocks. The breakers rose about 30 feet and slapped up upon the rocks about 12 o'clock midnight.

Cold All Night.

"It was cold and I only had on my shirt and no leggins. We lay out in the cold wind with chattering teeth all night. Next morning we went to a farmhouse and the people were so good to us. Out of our boat of 20 lives, only 13 were saved, so that you may know what those rocks were like. I never got a bruise or a scratch—think of it!

"Let me add that I never for once got seasick. I came through water and exposure without even a cold or a sore throat."

Has Had Many Accidents.

Young Jordan has had such a measure of afflictions and adventures that the Germans will be rather put to it to make it interesting for him. He began by having his heart displaced in a collision with another player in a baseball game, when he lived with his parents at Belleville. Later he had a mastoid bone trouble that kept him in bed 16 weeks. One of his hands was almost cut off when he attempted to put in a window at Belleville. At Pana one of his arms was almost cut off by another youth in play. After that he had typhoid fever for eight weeks.

When he was working in a motor plant at Flint, Mich., he dropped a piece of machinery on his foot, infection followed and his leg was to have been amputated in 24 hours if a change for the better had not occurred. He enlisted at Detroit last August. He was at Kelly Field, San Antonio; at Mineola, L. I.; tested out army trucks at Washington for six weeks before he was sent to Europe.

William's lifeboat landed on the shores of Islay, and 7 of the 20 men aboard died - The Tuscania was only one in a line of Will's troubles - his heart was "displaced" in a baseball game, mastoid bone trouble kept him in bed for 16 weeks, one of his hands was almost cut off installing a window, one of his arms was almost cut off by a playmate, he had typhoid fever for 8 weeks, his leg was at the point of amputation - "St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Friday 5 Apr 1918 p 12

WILL F. JORDEN, PANA BOY, FLYING IN ENGLISH CAMP

*He Describes Thip Through
Clouds as Greatest Experi-
ence of His Life.*

PANA, June 11.—Private Will Fringer Jordan of the 100th Aero Squadron, now in England in training, where he has been located ever since the sinking by a German torpedo from a submarine of the Tuscania on Feb. 5, last, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Will F. Jordan, of 507 East Third street, relates his first experience at flying with one of the officers.

30 Minutes Flight.

"Well, mother, your boy sure is happy and filled with enthusiasm. I was out to the aviation field tonight and Capt. Bell Ewing took me up for a flight of 30 minutes. It was sure some joy ride and really great sport. I sat in the rear seat. It was great to look down and see the big hangars and surrounding country, dotted off just like a checker board.

"We flew over the village just as we were entering the first light vapor clouds. I could see the village very plainly. We entered the clouds at about 1,000 feet and then flew above them and came out about 2,000 feet up in the heavens. It was clear up there and we could look over the ocean of clouds. They were fluffy and rolling. Off in the distance you could see the sun just as it was setting in all of its radiant beauty and golden color. My, but it was beautiful and beggars description.

Turned On Wing.

"Then of a sudden we were turning around. It seemed as though the right wing was the pivot and the remainder of the machine was round-

ing on it. Then I felt the machine climbing. We climber up, did a somersault, a side slip and then a nose dip through the clouds. Now we could see the hangars plainly. We dropped to our landig on about a 45 degree angle. It was a perfect landing.

"I enjoyed that flight more than anything in my entire life. My, it's a great sensation. It sure is great and I know I cannot make you know how very much I did enjoy it. They

had better not give me a chance to become a pilot or an observer, for I'll sure take them up on it. The

stick or controlling lever is called the "joy stick." I would be happy to know how to manipulate it. Now don't

that sound interesting, although I know you prefer me to be upon terra firma."

Private Jordan Recovering.

Private Will Fringer Jordan, 100th Aero Squadron, England, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Jordan of East Third street, that he was on a seven days' sick leave from camp in Northern England and was enjoying a great trip to London. Private Jordan is a Tuscania survivor. Recently he was reported seriously ill in a hospital in England, but has since recovered.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Wednesday 21 Aug 1918 p 2

Honor Editor.

At 5 o'clock the Pana band and a large delegation of merchants and celebrators visited first the Palladium office and tendered that newspaper a complimentary concert in honor of Private Will Fringer Jordan, son of Will F. Jordan, one of the editors, who is in the 100 Aero Squadron now at Toul, France. Mr. Jordan thanked the band and his friends in the name of his son. He spoke in a spirit of thankfulness that the war was at an end and said the praise was due the Divine Providence. He counseled the celebrants to use moderation in celebrating and to be careful in the use of fire arms and other dangerous instruments for noisemaking and then headed the delegation in a march to the residence of Mayor H. N. Schuyler, where the band and celebrants were warmly welcomed and invited everyone into the beautiful mansion, where they were warmly greeted by Mayor Schuyler, who shook the hand of every man and boy. He addressed them at some little length on the war, the glorious victory and the world wide peace. He invited every one to go to any cigar store in the city and take smokes on him.

Armistice – "Pana Recovers as From Dream" – "Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Wednesday 13 Nov 1918 p 4

TWO PANA MEN MEET IN FRANCE

Will F. Jordan and Capt.
R. C. Danforth Visit
Together

PANA, March 8—In a letter received today by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Jordan, Private Will Fringer Jordan, 100th Aero Squadron, writes of having met and visited with Capt. R. C. Danford of Pana, United States Army Medical corps, in charge of the Nancy, France, Thermol Bath hospital, on Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12.

Private Jordan writes that Capt. Danford holds one of the very best positions from a Medical corps point of view of any man in the American Expeditionary forces. His headquarters and office are located at the famous Nancy Thermol baths. Before the war the place was famous for the patronage of royalty exclusively who came for thousands of miles to take the bath treatment. He adds:

"Capt. Danford introduced me to all the majors, colonels, lieutenant-colonels and staff men and, believe me, I was some private for the day in the Officers' club. I was treated as though I was one of the officers and was for one time during the overseas period 'the man of the hour.'"

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Sunday 9 Mar 1919 p 24

Jordan Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Jordan of 307 East Third street received a message today from their son, Private Will Fringer Jordan at Hoboken, N. J., announcing his safe arrival from overseas. where he has been with the

[100th Aero Squadron.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Monday 2 Jun 1919 p 10

William Fringer Jordan will arrive Sunday from Peoria for a New Year's visit with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Jordan, of East Third street.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Monday 2 Jan 1922 p 8

Relatives of Will Fringer Jordan received news Monday that he had received his bonus from the state of Michigan for the twenty-two months of service during the World War. Mr. Jordan received more than \$300. He was a member of the 100 area squadron which was torpedoed on the steamer Tuscania and saw active service in France. He is a Pana boy and is well known here.

Sep 1921 – source unknown, courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Will Jordan to St. Paul

Will F. Jordan of 507 East Third street today received a message from his son, Will Fringer Jordan, who has been assistant manager of the Kresge's Five and Ten Cent stores at Madison, Wis., the past 18 months, that his firm has ordered him to St. Paul, Minn., and that himself and family were packing up and getting ready to leave Madison early the coming week. Fringer was formerly located at Peoria before his transfer to Madison. His mother is at present visiting in their home at Madison. She will go on to Duluth the coming week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Irene Johnson and family.

The family moves to St. Paul MN in 1924, transferred by S.S. Kresge company - "Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Monday 18 Aug 1924 p 10



His parents Will F. Jordan & Lillie Mae Jordan – Find A Grave 81404591



William Fringer Jordan (right) in 1904 with sister Irene Lee Ellen Jordan (left) & mother Lillie Mae Murray Jordan (center) - <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/MNLR-XC7/irene-lee-ellen-jordan-1893-1982>



William Fringer Jordan & son Stanley Collins Jordan – ca. 1947/1948
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/KNHF-CZ1>



William Fringer Jordan, 1930, Uniontown PA -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/KNHF-CZ1>



Edna Francis Proctor Jordan - <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/K6S2-V6Q>

Mrs. Edna Davis Death Is Noted

Word has been received here of the death Sept. 3 in Salem, Ohio, of Mrs. Edna Jordan Davis, 77.

A former resident of Uniontown, she was preceded in death by her first husband, William Jordan in 1954, at one time manager of the Kresge Store here; by her second husband, Price Davis in 1963, and by a brother, former Uniontown Police Chief Alfred (Gat) Davis.

Among her survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Michael Zimmerman, of Salem; two sons, William Jordan, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Stanley Jordan, of Bakersfield, Calif.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Alliance, Ohio.

Obituary of wife Edna Francis Proctor Jordan Davis – “Uniontown (PA) Morning Herald”

Tuesday 13 Sep 1977 p 3 -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/51741/images/News-PE-MO_HE-51741_1977_09_13_0003?pld=512537603

Ex-Editor Dies in Pana

Pana, June 16 (Special)

Will F. Jordan, 87, former Pana newspaperman, died at 4 a.m. Tuesday in Huber Memorial Hospital, Pana.

He had worked for the St. Louis Globe Democrat, the Belleville Advocate and the Chicago Tribune before coming to Pana in 1910. He was city editor of the Daily Palladium, retiring in 1938 when the paper went into receivership.

He served three terms as Pana Township clerk and was justice of the peace 24 years. He was on the board of directors of the Illinois Justices, Police Magistrates and Constables Assn.

The body is in the D. J. Kennedy & Sons Funeral Home, Pana. Arrangements are incomplete.

Obituary of his father Will F. Jordan, who outlived his son William Fringer Jordan – "Decatur (IL) Daily Review" Tuesday 16 Jun 1959 p 15

Rites Friday For Pana Man

Pana, June 16 (Special)

Funeral services for Will F. Jordan, 87, former Pana newspaperman who died at 4 a.m. today in Huber Memorial Hospital, Pana, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Pana. Burial will be in Mound Cemetery.

Friends may call after 7 p.m. Wednesday at the D. J. Kennedy & Sons Funeral Home, Pana.

He had worked for the St. Louis Globe Democrat, the Belleville Advocate and the Chicago Tribune before coming to Pana in 1910. He was city editor of the Daily Palladium, retiring in 1938 when the paper went into receivership.

He served three terms as Pana Township clerk and was justice of the peace 24 years. He was on the board of directors of the Illinois Justices, Police Magistrates and Constables Assn.

Obituary of his father Will F. Jordan – "Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Wednesday 17 Jun 1959 p 12

Jordans of Pana To Have 56th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Jordan of Pana will observe their 56th wedding anniversary Friday. Mrs. Jordan was Lily Murray before her marriage which was performed by Mr. Jordan's father, the Rev. H. F. Jordan in the old Antlers hotel in Taylorville.

The Jordans are the parents of two children Fringer Jordan of Alliance, Ohio and Mrs. Irene Johnson of Salinas, Calif.

Mr. Jordan has rounded out more than 60 years as a newspaper writer and editor of which 30 years was spent as editor of the Pana Daily Palladium. He is now serving his fourth term as a justice of the peace of Pana township.

The Jordans have lived in Pana since their marriage, except fifteen years when they lived in Belleville.

His parents' 56th wedding anniversary – "Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Friday 25 Feb 1949

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GET A HOT TASTE

Of German Militarism at Town
of Pana.

A Sergeant Tries to Dictate to the
Newspapers—Associated Press
Man in Limbo.

Pana seems to be getting a taste of militarism similar to that supposed to exist in Germany. Recently a sergeant of Captain Couch's company was arrested in company with a woman of ill repute. He visited the newspaper offices and announced that dire consequences would follow any mention of his escapade.

Monday night Will F. Jordan, Associated Press correspondent and representative for the New York World and other metropolitan papers, was arrested by Captain Couch, in command of the military.

Joseph Mullen, a union miner, and John Cornish, a non-union miner, had a fight in which Cornish with a pruning knife cut Mullen's clothes from his person. Jordan went to the five courts, where the prisoners were held, which was surrounded by soldiers under Captain Couch. He asked the guard for admittance, which they refused, and on claiming his rights as a newspaper man, Captain Couch was called by the sergeant in command of the detail, and on recognizing Jordan, who had previously reported some of his unmilitary acts, placed him under arrest. Couch refused to sign the complaint drawn against Jordan, and Deputy Sheriff Cheney thereupon made complaint that Jordan had resisted Captain Couch. State's Attorney Humphreys had Jordan's trial continued until Thursday. It is said that the defendant was released without bond.

It is said that Couch has by far exceeded his authority in Pana and has the ill will of all respectable citizens whom he has often used in his official position to the interest of the coal companies.

State's Attorney Humphreys and Sheriff Downey have filed charges with Adjutant General Reece against Captain Couch claiming that he is frequently while on duty in a heavily state of intoxication and while so violates the military laws.

The faculty expected students to live by the highest standards of deportment and tolerated no conduct that reflected poorly on Christianity, the ministry, or the seminary. In an 1891 faculty meeting, the faculty asked President Broadus to announce to the students that several of their fellows had been expelled: "The case of Jasper Harris was taken up again, he having confessed to the crime of cheating in the examination. On motion it was resolved that the president take away from Mr. Harris all his diplomas, and announce to the assembled students that on this account the connection of Mr. Harris with the seminary has ceased. On motion it was also resolved that the president be directed to state in the presence of the assembled students that John O. Rust of Bardstown, Ky., Wm. F. Shute of Washington City, and W. F. Jordan of Pana, Ills., had been guilty of drunkenness and that their connection with the seminary had also ceased."⁹⁷

Expelled from the Baptist Seminary in 1891, William Fringer Jordan's father Will (whose own father was a minister) is buried from the Catholic Church -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/K4RH-DZY>



From left: unnamed man (partial view), his wife Edna Proctor Jordan, William Fringer Jordan, his mother Lily Mae Murray Jordan, his father William Frank Jordan, ca. 1950 -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/K4RH-DZY>



IRENE LEE ELLEN JORDAN Para, Ills.

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U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-1999 for Irene Lee Ellen Jordan

Missouri > St Louis > Washington University > 1918

Washington University School for Nurses 1918 (St. Louis MO)

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/1265_b919393-00123?treeid=68414774&personid=38178791558&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB20809&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=1373754456

Irene Johnson

Irene Lee Ellen Johnson, a U.S. Army nurse during World War II, died Friday at Monterey Pines Skill Nursing Convalescent Hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 88.

Mrs. Johnson, a native of Pana, Ill., resided at 1501 Skyline Drive, Monterey. She had lived in the Monterey Bay area for 38 years and was a member of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and the former M. Joy Mansfield Post 747 American Legion. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Johnson, in 1953.

She is survived by two daughters, Eileen Thomasson of Battle Ground, Wash., and Billie Butierrez of Salinas; two sons, Bill of Salinas and James Johnson of Shallow Water, Texas; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call until noon Wednesday at the Healey Mortuary.

Services will be at at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Montana and Beech streets.

The Rev. Wendell J. Brown, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Garden of Memories.

Obituary of his sister Irene Lee Ellen Jordan Johnson – “The Californian” (Salinas CA)
Monday 4 Jan 1982 p 14



• Virginia Jeanette Jordan

29 January 1921 – 21 February 1997 • 9N8J-B79

William's oldest child, daughter Virginia Jeanette Jordan Zimmerman -
<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/9N8J-B79>

STANLEY C. JORDAN

Obituary Condolences



Stanley C. Jordan

Services: Friday, July 5, 10 a.m.

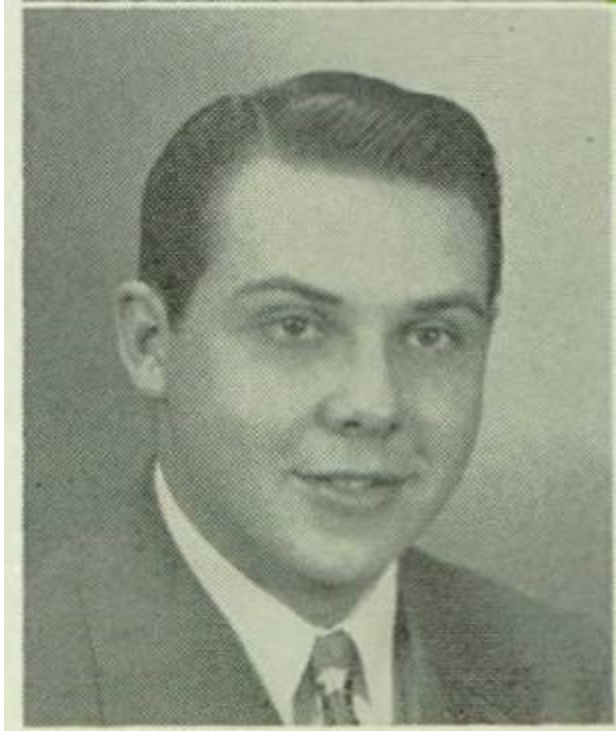
Stanley Collins Jordan passed into the arms of his Heavenly Father on June 29, 2002. Stanley was born on July 28, 1924 in Madison, Wisconsin to William Fringer Jordan and Edna Francis Proctor. He had one sister, Virginia and one brother, William (Bill). As a young boy he lived in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, later moving with his family to Alliance, Ohio where he graduated from high school.

Stanley answered the call of duty to serve in the Army during WWII in the 273rd Regiment of the 1st Army's 69th Division. It was in 1943, while he was a student at Alfred University, NY in the Army Specialized Training program for electrical engineering that he met his lifetime sweetheart Lois Florence Roe. They were married June 20, 1944. After the war they settled in Alliance, Ohio where Stan worked with his father at the Jordans Dairy. He was a member of the American Legion and served as the Commander of Post 166 in 1952. In 1958 he moved his family across the nation to Granada Hills, California to start a career as a State Farm Insurance Adjuster. In 1971 he took a promotion in Bakersfield, CA as a superintendent. Stanley was known for his fairness and integrity in all he did. He loved people and developed many close friendships through the years.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; 4 children, Paul (Grace) of Oxnard, CA, Bill (Regina) of Salt Lake City, UT, Susan (Steven) Wise of Sandy, UT and Jonathan (Sharon) of Oxnard, CA; 18 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Virginia.

A memorial service will be held in celebration of his life on July 5, 2002, 10 a.m. at Conrad Carroll Mortuary, 401 W. Channel Islands Blvd., Oxnard, CA. Interment and dedication of his grave will follow at Ivy Lawn Cemetery, Ventura, California.

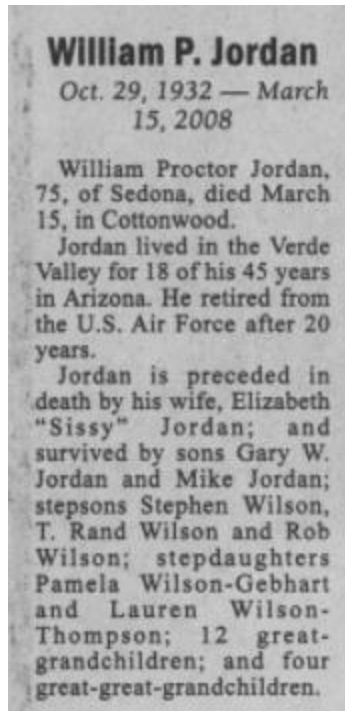
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William Proctor Jordan—General D. E.; "Want a doughnut?" Future Retailers 4, Historian; Jr.-Sr. Hi-Y 3, 4; Fr.-Soph. Hi-Y 1; Blue Dom 4; National Thespians 4; Chronicle Staff 3, 4; Prom Committee; Senior Chapel Committee; Fall Varieties 3, 4; Monitor 2; Speech Play 4; Boy's State 3; Stage Manager 3, 4.

William's youngest child, son William Proctor Jordan, in the Alliance (OH) High School yearbook 1951 -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/sid_580_1951_0030?usePUB=true&phsrc=hFB20816&phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=3964



Obituary of his son William Proctor Jordan in the "Sedona (AZ) Red Rock News" 2 Apr 2008
p 2A - <http://srr.stparchive.com/Archive/SRR/SRR04022008p02.php>

WILLIAM F. JORDAN

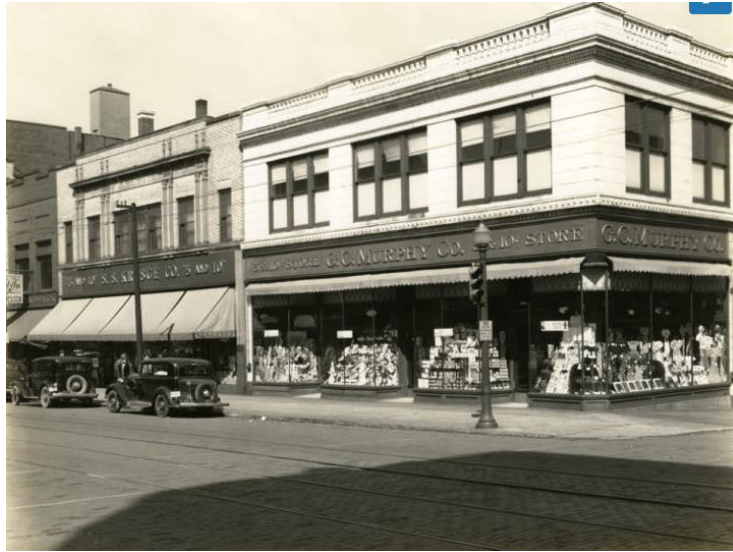
William F. Jordan, 57, of Alliance, Ohio, formerly of Uniontown, died Sunday at Alliance City Hospital. He suffered a stroke two weeks ago.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edna Jordan; two sons, Stanley of North Georgetown, Ohio, and S/Sgt. William P. with the U. S. Air Force at Anchorage, Alaska; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Zimmerman of Salem, Ohio; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Jordan of Pana, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. Irene Johnson, Salinas, Cal., and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Jordan was to have received a life membership in the American Legion Thursday (Veterans Day) for many years of outstanding service.

Full military rites will be conducted in the Walter-Schrader funeral home at Alliance where the funeral service will be held at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Walter H. Loomis of the Alliance First Baptist Church officiating. Interment will be in Fairmount Memorial Park.

Obituary of William Fringer Jordan - "Connellsville (PA) Daily Courier" Tuesday 9 Nov 1954



G. C. Murphy and S. S. Kresge stores

Murphy's 5 and 10 Cent store was next door to the S. S. Kresge 5 and 10 store at the corner of Linden Avenue and Main Street. The view is looking northwest. Shops and stores that can be seen include G. C. Murphy Company, S. S. Kresge, and Florsheim Shoes, and Roderick.

The S.S. Kresge store on Main Street in Alliance OH, 1937 (to the left, with awnings) - <https://www.alliancememory.org/digital/collection/places/id/1569/>

Name: William Fringer Jordan

Name variations: Will Fringer Jordan – signed letters as Fringer

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 5th Squad - private

Serial number: 249,889

Entered service from: Pana, Christian IL

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: William F. Jordan

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father William Jordan, 407 E. 3rd St., Bana [sic/Pana] IL

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: William F. Jordan

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Lily Jordan, 507 E. 3rd St., Pana IL (chauffeur 1st class, 100th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as William Fringer Jordan – b. 27 May 1897 Pana IL; res: 1052 Parkside Dr., Alliance, Stark OH. NOK Edna F. Jordan, same address. Employed by S.S. Kresge Co. of Detroit MI at 346 E. Main St., Alliance, Stark OH. "scar on right elbow" Height: 5'9" – 175 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 16 Aug 1917

Discharged 14 Jun 1919

Address: 320 W. Main St., Madison WI

Rank/unit: chauffeur 1st class, 100th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 27 May 1897 Pana, Christian IL

Died: 7 Nov 1954 Alliance, Stark OH (Alliance Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 73525340, presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Alliance, Stark OH

Cemetery: Fairmount Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: William Frank Jordan, 2 Aug 1871 Shelbyville, Shelby KY – 18 Jun 1959 Pana, Christian IL. Son of Henry Franklin Jordan (F: 80968906) & Susan Lee (S.L.) Beard (F: 80968953). His father Henry was a Baptist minister, who founded two seminaries. William was expelled from a Baptist seminary, along with others, due to “drunkenness.” Newspaper journalist & editor. Buried in Mound Cemetery, Pana, Christian IL.

Find A Grave: 81404630

Mother: Lillie (Lily) Mae Murray Jordan, 17 Nov 1873 Hoopeston, Vermilion IL – 24 Nov 1963 Pana, Christian IL. Daughter of William John Murray (1854-1927, F: 55333424) & Mary Ellen Sisler (1857-1892, F: 198202774).

Find A Grave: 81404591

Parents' marriage: 25 Feb 1893. W.F. Jordan, age 22, b. KY, resident of Pana IL, journalist, son of H.F. Jordan & Sue Beard, married Miss L.M. Murray, age 20, b. IL, daughter of W.J. Murray & M.E. Sisler. The couple were married in the Antlers Hotel, Taylorville, Christian Co. IL by William's father, the Rev. H.F. Jordan.

Spouse: Edna Francis Proctor Jordan, 20 Aug 1900 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – 2 Sep 1977 Salem, Stark OH. Daughter of George Sanders Proctor & Julia Jeanette MacDonald.

After William's death, she married Price Anthony (Albert?) Davis (1885-1967, F: 51280074) on 30 Jul 1960.

Buried in Fairmount Memorial Park, Alliance, Stark OH.

Spouse Find A Grave: 189507713

Marriage: 20 Jun 1919 Danville, Vermilion IL.

Children:

- Virginia Jeanette Jordan Zimmerman, 29 Jan 1921 Flint, Genesee MI – 21 Feb 1997 Columbiana Co. OH. Her middle name has been found spelled Janet and Jenette. SSN 459-36-1944. Wife of Michael G. Zimmerman (1919-1999, F: 189712119). Died at age 76, a registered nurse by occupation. She was married at the time of her death. Buried in Fairmount Memorial Park, Alliance, Stark OH. F: 189712136
- Stanley Collins Jordan, 28 Jul 1924 Madison, Dane WI – 29 Jun 2002 Bakersfield, Kern CA. Tuscania researcher believes he was named for his father's Tuscania comrade, Stanley Collins; both men had landed on the isle of Islay, Scotland. - Husband of Lois Florence Roe (1925-2006, F: 13814645). Marriage: "Ithaca (NY) Journal" Wednesday 21 Jun 1944 p 4 – Miss Lois Roe, daughter of Mrs. Florence Roe of Newfield NY, married Pvt. Stanley Collins Jordan, son of Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Jordan, 1052 Parkside Dr., Alliance OH, on Tuesday 20 Jun 1944 in the Newfield Methodist Church. The matron of honor was Mrs. Michael Zimmerman of Alliance OH [Stanley's sister Virginia]. She is in the US Nurse Corps & Stanley, a graduate of Alliance (OH) High School, will return to his base at Camp Shelby MS. - Lived in Uniontown PA as a young boy, then moved with his family to Alliance OH where he graduated from high school. Stanley served in the US Army in WWII. In 1943 while in Army

training, he met Lois Florence Roe, whom he married 20 Jun 1944. After the war, Stanley & Lois settled in Alliance OH where Stan worked with his father at Jordan's Dairy. American Legion member. In 1958 he moved his family to Granada Hills CA to being a career as a State Farm Insurance adjuster, becoming a superintendent in 1971 in Bakersfield CA. He was survived by his wife Lois & 4 children. Buried in Ivy Lawn Cemetery, Ventura, Ventura Co. CA. F: 19446694

- Infant male Jordan, b. & d. 6 Mar 1931 Uniontown, Fayette PA. Stillborn, to William F. Jordan (b. IL) & Edna Proctor (b. CA). Buried as "Baby Boy Jordan" in Sylvan Heights Cemetery, Oliver, Fayette PA. F: 205380455
- William Proctor ("Bill") Jordan, 29 Oct 1932 Uniontown, Fayette PA – 15 Mar 2008 Cottonwood, Yavapai AZ. Married 20 Jun 1951 in Stark Co. OH to Shirley Jean Kuntzman, daughter of Lester G. Kuntzman & Corinne Ramsey. Both were age 18. He was a salesman, she a bookkeeper. – At the time of his death, he had lived in the Verde Valley for 18 of his 45 years in AZ. He retired from the US Air Force after 20 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth ("Sissy") Jordan. Survived by 2 sons, 2 stepsons (surname Wilson) & 2 stepdaughters (their hyphenated surnames include Wilson). Resident of Sonoma, Yavapai AZ. – Served in the US Air Force 2 Oct 1967 & 30 Nov 1971 (among other times).

Siblings:

- Irene Lee Ellen Jordan Johnson, 18 Dec 1893 Pana, Christian IL – 1 Jan 1982 Monterey Co. CA (Monterey Pines Skill Nursing Convalescent Hospital). SSN 533-24-9990. Wife of Oscar Johnson (1891-1953, F: 124429804, a cook in the Medical Department in WWI). Illinois newspapers recount the visits of her mother when Irene & Oscar lived in Duluth MN. – Studied at the Washington University (St. Louis MO) School of Nursing. – At the time of her death, Irene lived at 1501 Skyline Dr., Monterey CA. She had lived in the Monterey Bay area for 38 years. Survived by 2 daughters & 2 sons. – Buried in Garden of Memories, Salinas, Monterey CA, with a veteran tombstone noting her service as a nurse in the Army Nurse Corps, WWI. F: 124429757
- Ancestry.com family trees list a male, born circa 1895 who died in 1895. William's mother states in the 1900 and 1910 censuses that she had given birth to 2 children (Irene & William), both of whom were living.

Notes:

It is believed by Tuscania researcher Steven Schwartz that William Fringer Jordan named his son Stanley Collins Jordan after Tuscania casualty, Stanley Collins, of Knights Ferry CA. Both men were in lifeboats (the same lifeboat?) that crash-landed on the rocky shore of the isle of Islay, Scotland.

William preceded his parents & only sibling in death.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – it is reasonably certain that Will Fringer Jordan of Pana IL, who is in the 100th Aero Squadron, was aboard Tuscania.

"Decatur (IL) Herald" 10 Feb 1918 p 3 – a telegram was sent from Sen. James Hamilton Lewis to William's parents Mr. & Mrs. Will F. Jordan, Pana IL on 9 Feb 1918 which said Will Fringer Jordan was safe. One hour later, his parents got a telegram from the Army Adjutant General.

Post-war:

William & his family moved frequently due to job transfers by his corporate employer, the S.S. Kresge Company, a discount department store chain, which in 1977 was renamed the Kmart Corporation.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Saturday 16 Apr 1921 p 12 – Mrs. Will Fringer Jordan & little daughter Virginia left Friday noon for Peoria IL to join Will Fringer Jordan, where the 3 will make their new home. She & Virginia were guests of Will Fringer's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Will F. Fringer, and other Pana IL relatives for several weeks.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Thursday 31 Jul 1924 p 13 – Mr. & Mrs. Will F. Jordan received a pleasant surprise early Monday morning when they got a telegram from their son Will Fringer Jordan of Madison WI who informed them that 6-pound Stanley Collins Jordan had arrived at his home.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Tuesday 27 Jan 1925 p 8 – Mrs. Will Fringer Jordan, daughter Virginia & son Stanley Collins, who had been guests of her in-laws Mr. & Mrs. Will F. Jordan at their home at 507 E. 3rd St., left for the family's new home in Elgin IL, where her husband Will was transferred by the Kresge company from St. Paul MN.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Wednesday 5 Aug 1925 p 12 – now the family resided in Canton OH

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Tuesday 1 Feb 1927 p 7 – a telegram was received at 5 p.m. Saturday by Will F. Jordan, editor of the "Palladium" newspaper, sent from hgis wife, who has staying at Flint MI, announcing the birth of Virginia Janet Jordan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Will Fringer Jordan.

"Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Friday 29 Jun 1928 p 6 – Mr. & Mrs. Will Fringer Jordan & children of Uniontown PA & Will's mother Mrs. Will F. Jordan drove to Belleville IL & St. Louis MO on Wednesday to visit old-time friends.

"Chicago (IL) Tribune" Sunday 22 Jul 1934 p 5 – The temperature reached 108 degrees in Pana IL, resulting in several cases of heat prostration, among them that of Col. Will F. Jordan, veteran newspaper editor & "leader of the downstate Democracy." His condition is serious.

Obituary:

"Uniontown [PA] Morning Herald" 8 Nov 1954 p 13 & "Uniontown Evening Standard" 8 Nov 1954 p 6 - age 57, resident of 1052 Parkside Dr., Alliance OH. Had a stroke 2 weeks ago. Was formerly the manager of the S.S. Kresge Co. store, Uniontown OH, then went to Alliance OH to manage the Kresge store there 1935-1945. Owner/operator of Bill & Stan's Dairy Store (Alliance OH). Member of the American Legion and 40 & 8. Was to receive a

lifetime membership in the Legion on 11 Nov 1954. Survived by wife Edna, 2 sons: Stanley Jordan (North Georgetown OH) & Staff Sgt. William P. Jordan (US Air Force, Anchorage AK), 1 daughter Mrs. Virginia Zimmerman (Salem OH), sister Mrs. irene Johnson (Salinas CA) & parents, Mr. & Mrs. Will F. Jordan, Pana IL.

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Belleville, St. Clair IL – 415 N. Walnut St.

William F. Jordan, 28 KY, Aug 1871, father b. VA, mother b. LA, married 7 years, editor

Lillie, 26 IL, Nov 1873, parents b. IL, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Irene L., 6 IL, Dec 1893

William F., 3 IL, May 1897

1910 Belleville, St. Clair IL

William Jordan, 39 KY, father b. VA, mother b. LA, married 17 years, editor, news paper

Lily, 36 IL, parents b. IL, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

W. Fringer, 12 IL

Irene, 16 IL

& roomer George Millet, 31 IL, parents b. France, stenographer, law office

1920 Flint, Genesee MI – 2610 N. Saginaw St.

Will F. Jordan, 22 IL, father b. KY, mother b. IL, manager, department store

Edna, 19 CA, father b. Canada, mother b. MI, stenographer, spark plug factory

& 3 female lodgers, all age 21, all stenographers at the spark plug factory

1930 Uniontown, Fayette PA – Woodlawn Ave.

William F. Jordan, 32 IL, father b. KY, mother b. IL, age 21 at 1st marriage, manager, chain stores, WWI veteran

Edna F., 29 CA, father b. Canada, mother b. MI, age 18 at 1st marriage

Virginia J., 9 MI

Stanley C., 5 WI

1940 – cannot locate