

TUSCANIA

Gonzales, Pablo
1892 TX – 1960 TX

219-01-1 219-01 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 420 25 62149

STATE OF TEXAS

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Swisher
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Tulia
c. LENGTH OF STAY in b.
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION 620 S. 87 Ave.
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission)
a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Swisher
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Tulia
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 620 S. 87 Ave.
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First Pablo (b) Middle (c) Last Gonzalez
4. DATE OF DEATH Sept. 28, 1960

5. SEX Male 6. COLOR OR RACE Mexican 7. Married ☒ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐
8. DATE OF BIRTH July 12, 1892 9. AGE (In years, months, days, hours, minutes) 68
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Laborer 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Farm
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Texas 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA
13. FATHER'S NAME Antonio Gonzalez 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Lolita Martinez
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) yes WWI 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 467-14-6265 17. INFORMANT Angelia Gonzalez

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Coronary Occlusion. (b) DUE TO (b) (c) DUE TO (c)
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last.
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)
19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒ INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH: Few min.

20a. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐ 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury)
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour Month Day Year
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐ 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 9-28-60 Jan 19 1955 to 9-28-60 and last saw the deceased alive on 9-28-60 at 11:00 p.m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.
22a. SIGNATURE (W. B. Childress, MD) (Degree or title) 22b. ADDRESS 1428 W. Second, Tulia, Tex. 22c. DATE SIGNED 10-6-60.

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial 23b. DATE Sept. 29, 1960 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Rose Hill Cemetery
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Tulia (State) Texas 24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE O. R. Wallace "1530"
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 48 25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR Oct. 12, 1960 25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE [Signature]

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
REC'D NOV 10 1960

VS-112, REV. 1/58

TX death certificate -

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2272/records/22234497?tid=&pid=&queryId=9f0eb44b-b0db-45e5-abc9-3700beaa19c8&_phsrc=iKj6186&_phstart=successSource

GIVEN NAME *A/S PAUL*

ORIGINAL

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) GONZALES, Pablo			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)		
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) <i>DEC. 15,</i> Sept. 18, 1917		3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) July 23, 1919 <i>HON</i>		12. EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) ☐ HEBREW (Star of David) ☐ NONE	
4. SERVICE NO. 251629		5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. C-2 753 465		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☐ FLAT BRONZE MARKER	
6. STATE Texas		7. GRADE Private First Class		8. MEDALS Purple Heart	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP 225th M.P. Co. U.S. Army <i>Inf. Pol. Corps</i>					
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <i>JUNE 5,</i> July 11, 1892		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) Sept. 28, 1960		14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) John Lemmon 528 N. Bowie, Tulia, Texas	
15. FREIGHT STATION Tulia, Texas					
16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulia, Texas					
17. THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE <i>J. T. Lemmon</i> DATE 11-1-60					
DO NOT WRITE HERE			18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) John Lemmon, 528 N. Bowie, Tulia, Texas		
RECEIVED NOV 7 - 1960			19. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies in the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government.		
VERIFIED DAVE WILLIAMS & SONS INC.			SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>J. T. Lemmon</i> DATE 11-1-1960		
B/L A 3440490					
ORDERED DEC 5 1960					

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Veteran headstone application -

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2375/records/667181>

GONZALES PABLO
PAULO
Pvt Co F 125 Inf 32 Div
Wharton Tex

HOSP 2753465
10-1-60
XC

Se 251 629 Died 9.28.60
Born 7/1/92
Enl 5/26/17 Dis 7/23/19

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A 4 381 614
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7292—Rev. Sept., 1956

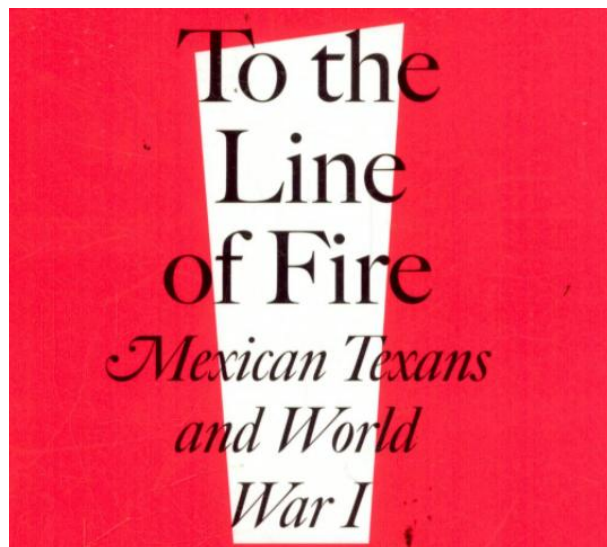
INDEX CARD

Veteran Administration Master Index - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1J-X15B?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQPT9-ZQDQ&action=view&cc=2968245&lang=en>

Gonzales,		Pablo	251,629	* White * Colored
(Surname)		(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	
Residence:		Eagle Lake - Wharton	TEXAS	
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at		Wharton Tex	on Nov 1, 1917	
Place of birth:		Yocum Tex	Age or date of birth: 25 yrs	
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 36th Co 165th Dep --				
Co F 125th Inf---; 225th Co H P Corps to discharge.				
Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt Pvt 1cl.				
Engagements: Soissons, Verdun				
Wounded in action (degree and date) Slightly Oct 18, 1918				
Served overseas from Jan 24/18 to July 11/18 from to				
* Honorably discharged on demobilization: July 23, 19				
(If separated for other cause give reason)				
In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported per cent disabled.				
Remarks:				

TX, WWI military record - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9MN-ZSTS-X?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQV18-JHND&action=view&cc=2202707&lang=en&groupId=>

Do the following book excerpts quote the CORRECT Pablo Gonzales?



Overall, the doughboys' reactions to France were mixed. For the most part, the troops got along well with French villagers, whom they often found amusing. "The people here are the smallest people I have ever seen anywhere," wrote **Pablo Gonzales**, a wagoner with the 111th Ammunition Train. Gonzales attributed their small stature to smoking. "The people are sure wild about American tobacco. The first thing the kids learn to say is, 'give me a cigarette.' They begin to smoke when they are about seven years old and they don't seem to grow very much after that age."⁵ The young men also enjoyed the company of the attractive French peasant girls, as attested to by the popularity of the drinking song "Mademoiselle from Armentières."

Comments on short French people – page 94

Lulls in action and breaks in troop movements usually allowed time for other activities. During one such let-up, several Mexican American soldiers in the 90th Division paid their final respects to a fallen comrade, José "Pepe" González of Brooks County. Although they arrived too late for the funeral, the doughboys offered prayers for his soul at his French gravesite. Sometimes the activities were not as solemn. Several days earlier, some of these same soldiers had been ordered to report for delousing, a humiliating but necessary ordeal that required everyone to shave and undress entirely. Francisco de Hoyos, however, persuaded his superiors to allow him to keep his prodigious mustache, in which he took obvious pride.²⁹ Meanwhile, **Pablo Gonzales** celebrated a birthday during a respite in the latter stages of the war. According to one of his letters, he received a pair of gloves and another present from one of his sergeants. He also enjoyed beefsteak and hotcakes as his early day meals, so much so in fact that he "didn't care for much else" by suppertime. "In all I think I spent a good birthday," Gonzales wrote his wife, "even though I am in the battle zone."³⁰

Birthday on page 101

Another prolific letter writer, Pablo **Gonzales**, filled his correspondence with reassuring reports to comfort his family, whom he knew fretted about his safety and welfare. Although conceding in his letters to his wife that he was “a little lonesome” and “longing for the day when peace will be declared and I can be home again,” he begged her not to worry about him. “Dear, have patience for I think the worst is about over and it won’t be long until we are returning.” Likewise, his father received glowing descriptions of his experiences in the trenches. “I guess the people . . . think we suffer all the hardships in the world here, but Papa we don’t, and don’t you let them kid you into believing that [we] do,” he wrote. “Our eats are the best that can be had under the conditions and they keep feeding us until we cannot hold any more.” He added confidently, “It’s a settled fact that the American soldier isn’t going to starve.” **Gonzales** also made sure to acknowledge the folks back home for doing their bit for the war. “I am very glad you purchased the Liberty Bonds and if you could have done more I am sure you would have done so,” he told his wife. “Anyway, the money you invested in the bonds you are sure of.”⁴²

From page 104

Excerpts from “To the Line of Fire! Mexican Texans and World War I” by José A. Ramírez
https://books.google.com/books?id=G5ts6X8uw8AC&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_book_oth_er_versions_r&cad=4#v=onepage&q&f=false

Somewhere in France, Nov 1.

Dear Father and mother and all: We are still in the same camp and from looks of things we will be here for some time. We can't even tell the war is on here only by the scarcity of young men here.

All the young boys here have to go into the service when they are eighteen and some of them are so small that it is actually pitiful for them to have to go. The biggest part of the people wooden shoes even the young ladies and little kids. I saw a little girl baby the other day about the size of Gonzalo and and poor little fellow had on wooden shoes and they looked like they weighed eight pounds a piece. The people are sure wild about American tobacco. The first thing the kids learn to say is, "give me a cigarette." They begin to smoke when they are about seven years old and they don't seem to grow very much after that age. The people here are the smallest.

people I have ever seen anywhere. We are having it real easy here as we are in a nice town. Our canteens are the best that can be had under the conditions and they keep feeding us until we cannot hold any more. It's a settled fact that the American soldier isn't going to starve. Myself, I can't see any difference in being here and being in Camp Bowie, as far as the hardships go. I guess the people here think we suffer all the hardships in the world here, but Papa we don't, and don't you let them kid you into believing that they do. About the only thing I can hold against the French people is they think too much of the negroes, call them black Americans and some of the French think they are American Indians. Some of the French girls are married to negro soldiers. I guess though it is only the lower class that pull stunts like that.

We get tobacco issued to us, so we don't have to worry about smokes. The kind they issue is Durham. We are a lot better off than the boys at home because they can't get Durham at all. They sell Chesterfield cigarettes at canteens for five cents for a package. Everything in the canteen is sold just as cheap as they can sell it. This money over here is sure funny it looks more like soap wrappers than it does money. Some of it looks like cigarette coupons. Some of the silver money has a hole in it like Chinese money. You buy something and give them a dollar and you will get back a handful of money. Some things are real cheap here and others as high as can be. There are no fixed prices on anything. You ask them what it costs and if you think it is too much, you can jaw them

... think it is too much, you can let them
down to your price. Papa the Red Cross
one of the grandest things that ever was
everything you people back there give
used for and we get the full benefit of ev
cent that is given to them, so don't begru
a cent that is given to them. Well Papa de
as it is most time for dinner an dl can' t
ford to miss it so have to quit now.
I am feeling fine.
Your son,
Wag. Pablo Gonzales.
Co. A. 111 Am. Tn. American E. F. Fr

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Mon, Dec 09, 1918 -Page 1

Brownsville TX

To be filled in by company or detachment commander		Give full name of organization including company and regimental designation		225TH CO. MILITARY POLICE CORPS.		To be filled in by Debarkation Personnel Adjutant, U. S. A.	
To be filled in by Embarkation Personnel Adjutant, A. E. F.		Name of vessel <i>S.S. Toloa</i>		Port of sailing BREST.		Date of sailing <i>July 9/19</i>	
NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER Example: HENDERSON, HARRIS F. 1234567		Rank & Arm or Staff Example: Capt. A.G.		Organization (regiment & company or detachment)		NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (Give name in full, for example: Mrs. Mary A. Smith.)	
Relationship Example: Father		ADDRESS (Number, Street, City and State) Do not abbreviate.					
Leave double space between entries. All typewriting must be in CAPITAL LETTERS.							
52. GONZOLES, PAUL 251629 <i>Mo & R. PC</i>		PVT. 225TH 101 CO.M. M.P.C.		MRS. LULA MARTINES		BISTER BRUAGE, TEXAS.	

Ship roster on the S.S. "Toloa" 1 Jul 1919 to 11 Jul 1919, from Brest, France, to NYC -
<https://www.fold3.com/image/604491761?rec=628150304>

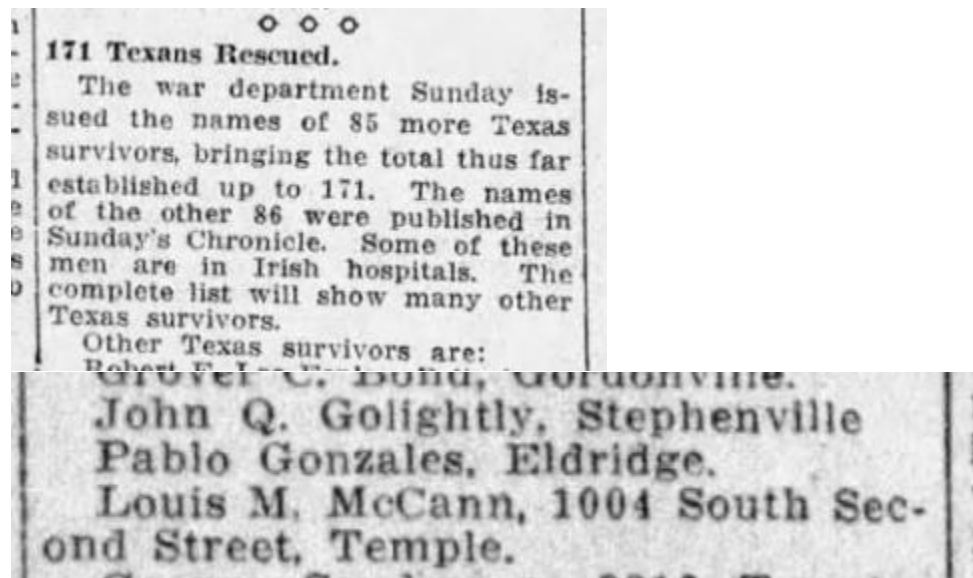
15 YEARS AGO
Mrs. Roy Cruce dies in traffic accident Sunday night east of Tullia while enroute to church. . . Paula Rene Christesson, 2, drowns in horse tank. . . **Pablo** Gonzales, 67, labor boss for Travis Hair, dies. . . Bobby Hooper heads Young Farmers. . . Injuries slight when Mrs. T. H. Sponholtz, Sr., and Mrs. Edith Anderson collide. . . Billy Dick, 1960 THS grad enrolls at Hutchison (Kans) Junior College.

In the column "Browsing Down Memory Lane" with news of 15 years ago (that is, 1960) is the death of 67-year-old Pablo Gonzales (making his birth ca. 1893), meaning he died in late Sep 1960 or early

Oct 1960, which all fits – labor boss for Travis Hair – Tulia (TX) Herald” Thursday, 9 Oct 1975 p 20 - <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapht506455/hits/?q=pablo>

News items: “Lubbock (TX) Morning News” 18 Aug 1952 p 8 – when his daughter is born 17 Aug 1952, Travis Hair is noted as a gin operator. In “Lubbock Avalanche-Journal” of 17 Sep 1971 p 2, concerning his grandson Paul Hair’s murder in Alaska, Travis Hair is mentioned as a former Tulia resident, owner of Hair Gin Co. in Tulia TX, who moved to Anchorage, Alaska, in 1965.

Life



The Houston Chronicle
Mon, Feb 11, 1918 - Page 2

Houston TX

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Pablo Gonzales

Name variations: Paul Gonzales – Gonzalez - Gonzalas

Military:

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

Serial number: 251,629

Entered service from: Eldridge, Colorado Co. TX

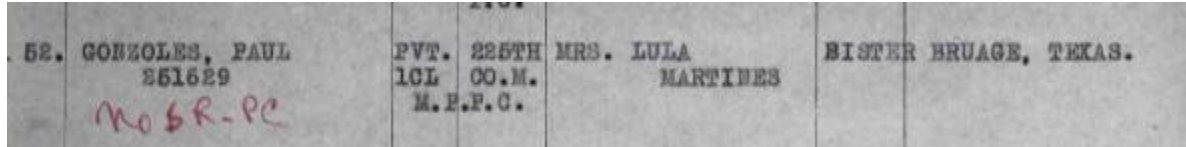
Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Pablo Gonzales

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Ontonio Gonzales, Eldridge TX

Returned from war on: "Toloa" Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Paul GONZOLES

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: sister Mrs. Lula Martines, Bruage TX (PFC, 225th Co., Military Police Corps)



<https://www.fold3.com/sub-image/628150304/gonzoles-paul-us-army-wwi-transport-service-passenger-lists-1918-1919>

World War I draft registration (1917): as Pablo GONZALAS - b. 1892 Cuero TX; res: Egypt, Wharton TX. Single. Of Spanish American/Malayan descent. Farm laborer for Dr. Otto Rogers, Egypt TX. Medium height & build.

Found at:

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482/records/16089704?tid=&pid=&queryId=7a7e6013-af89-421e-bbf2-b480ced843f4&_phsrc=iKj6188&_phstart=successSource

World War II draft registration (1942):

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Pablo Gonzales and alternative: Paulo Gonzales

Enlisted 26 May 1917 [before national registration day]

Discharged 23 Jul 1919

Address: Wharton TX

Rank/unit: private, Co. F, 125th Infantry, 32nd Division

TX, WWI Military Record

Pablo Gonzales, serial 251629, resident of Eagle Lake, Wharton TX. Inducted into Army at Wharton TX on 1 Nov 1917 at age 25 years. Born Yocum TX. In 36th Co. 16th Depot --; Co. F, 125th Inf. --; 225th Co. MP Corps to discharge. [as on tombstone]. Slightly wounded 18 Oct 1918. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 11 Jul 1919. Honorably discharged 23 Jul 1919. 0% disabled.

Birth & death:

Born: 11 Jul 1892 (dates vary – in TX Deaths: 12 Jul 1892 – in Veterans Administration Military Index: 1 Jul 1892) Cuero TX or Yocum TX (TX military records: age 25 in Nov 1917) (celebrated a birthday in 1918 "in the latter part of the war") – also 5 Jun 1892 as a handwritten note above the typed 11 Jul 1892 on his veteran headstone application

Died: 28 Sep 1960 Tulia, Swisher TX

Find A Grave record: 21854723, presence on Tuscania noted in flower, asked contributor to add information to text but person declined

Burial location: Tulia, Swisher TX

Cemetery: Rose Hill

Tombstone: veteran flat: Texas PFC 225 Mil Police Co WWI PH [Purple Heart]

Father: Antonio Gonzales (on his TX birth certificate), born

Named as next-of-kin Ontonio Gonzales on the Tuscania passenger list, a resident of Eldridge, Colorado Co. TX

Find A Grave:

Mother: Lolita Martinez Gonzales

Named on Pablo's TX death certificate.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Was married when he served in WWI as he wrote letters to his wife, as cited above in the book "To the Line of Fire! Mexican Texans and World War I" by José A. Ramírez. IF (big IF) that is the correct Pablo Gonzales.

But was single when he registered for the draft on 5 Jun 1917.

If it is the Pablo Gonzales living in Wharton Co. TX in 1930, he claims to be divorced.

His TX death certificate says he was married at the time of his death.

Also buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulia, Swisher TX is "Mrs. Pablo Gonzales" – birth & death dates unknown – in the same section (lot 4, section A) as Pablo.

Spouse Find A Grave: 21854732 (presumably)

Marriage:

Informant on his TX death certificate is Angelia Gonzalez – Wife? Sister? Daughter? Other relative?

Children:

Siblings:

- **Mrs. Lula Gonzales Martines**, of Bruage [sic] TX, listed as his NOK on his return voyage on the "Toloa" in 1919. No city named Bruage was located on Google search.

Notes:

The search for information on Pablo Gonzales has been difficult to the variations in spelling of his first name – Pablo, Paulo, Paul – and his surname: Gonzales, Gonzales, Gonzoles. His name configuration is common in TX.

Wartime:

"Austin-American" (Austin TX) 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the additional Tuscania survivors: Pablo Gonzales of Eldridge TX.

See quotations above from "To The Line of Fire! Mexican Texans and World War I" by Jose A. Ramirez – if this is the correct Pablo Gonzales.

Post-war:

Obituary:

TX death certificate: Pablo GONZALEZ, d. 28 Sep 1960 at his residence, 620 S. 87th Ave., Tulia, Swisher Co. TX at age 68. Born 12 Jul 1892 TX. Son of Antonio Gonzalez & Lolita Martinez.

Informant: Angelia Gonzalez. Farm laborer. Married. SSN 467-14-6265. WWI veteran. Died of a coronary occlusion; duration a few minutes. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulia TX, 29 Sep 1960.

His veteran tombstone application reports his tombstone should be sent to the applicant, John T. Lemmon, 528 N. Bowie, Tulia TX. John Thomas Lemmon (20 Nov 1893 TX – 30 Nov 1973 Tulia, Swisher TX) lived at 528 N. Bowie, Tulia TX at the time of his death. He was a retired rancher. Also buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulia, Swisher TX. F: 24686436. He also served in WWI. As Pablo was a farm laborer, perhaps he had worked for John Lemmon?

Social Security Number: 467-14-6265

Censuses:

In 1917 was a resident of Wharton Co. TX when he registered for the WWI draft & upon his return (Veterans Administration Master Index). Is this him?

1930 Precinct 3, Wharton Co. TX

Found at:

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224/records/60407625?tid=&pid=&queryId=efac8b6c-2909-4fe0-aef0-f2de779ba84f&_phsrc=iKj6194&_phstart=successSource

Paul Gonzales, 38 TX, parents b. Mexico, divorced, keeper, restaurant, not a veteran

Angela Costi--- [looks like Costid--], 33 TX, widow, cook, restaurant

Domingo Costi---, 16 TX, help0er, restaurant

Fidela Escobert, 20 TX, farm laborer, general farm