

JEAN PIERRE NORMAND

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Jean Pierre Normand was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1742. After Quebec fell to the British, Normand's family joined other Acadians moving to Louisiana, then under Spanish control.

As Pedro Vorman, he served in the militia in 1770 at the German Coast, an area near New Orleans settled by Germans in the 1720s. Several records also show him active with other Acadians in collaboration with the German settlers under Spanish Governor Galvez against the British during the Revolution. He served under Galvez in the German Coast Militia in 1778.

The interaction among early French planters, the Acadians and the German settlers created the Cajun culture known today.