

# **ANTOINE BORDELON**

1733 New Orleans, LA – 25 Aug 1785 Pointe Coupee, LA

**Sublieutenant and 2nd Adjutant-Major of the Pointe Coupee Parish Militia in 1781, serving under  
General Bernardo de Galvez**

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Antoine was born about 1732, a son of Gabriel Laurens Bordelon and Anne-Francoise Roland. Gabriel was employed by the La Compagnie des Indes (the Company of the Indies) and married Roland at New Orleans in 1729/1730. Antoine's father died before his birth in 1731 (he is not listed in the January 1732 census). After his birth, his mother moved the family to Pointe Coupee Post and married for the third time in 1737 to Jean Stephan dit Roquancourt. This is where, at the age of 12, Antoine is found in the 1745 census living with his mother and stepfather. On 2 April 1759, he entered into a marriage contract for Marie Anne Decuir, where he is identified as a major in the militia. The contract states that he gave his new wife 1,000 livres and the bride's dowry consisted of 2,511 livres, 5 sols including a sum of 1,247 livres, and 5 sols due her from the succession of her father, in addition to other financial considerations.

In the 1770 Militia Roll, Antoine is listed as the "Sous Aide Major" for the Pointe Coupee Post. At the baptism of his son Francois, he is also listed as the Warden of the Parish church.

During the American Revolutionary War, Spain provided assistance to the Continental Army beginning in 1776 and by 1779 declared war on Britain. All of Louisiana's militias had been activated by 1777 with the arrival of Bernardo Galvez as governor. In a 1781 Spanish document, it states that Antoine was "...an officer in the Baton Rouge campaign and since that Natchez," during the war.

Antoine's first wife - Anne Marie Decuir - died 22 December 1788. He had seven children with Decuir: Pierre (b. 1761), Marianne (b. 1764), Antoine, II (b. 1767), Augustin (b. 1768), Francois (b. 1771), Lucille (b. 1773), and Hilaire (b. 1777). He married Marguerite Frederic (her second marriage), 20 July 1779. With Frederic, he had an additional five children: Felicite ( b. 1780), Victoire (b. 1781), Valery (b. 1782), Zenon (b. 1782), and his twin, Charles (b. 1782). In total, Antoine had 12 children.

By the 1785 census, he had moved his family to the Avoyelles Post to live on a land grant given to him by the Spanish government for his service during the war (See Am. State Papers, v. 8, p. 165). At the age of 53 years, he died at Avoyelles, 24 November 1785. He was buried in the cemetery attached to the St. Francis church in Pointe Coupee, as there was no Catholic church in Avoyelles until 1796.