

Appendix 18. Abenaki Resources



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Courtesy of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, the following resources are related to the Abenaki:

Recommended Books

The Western Abenakis of Vermont, 1600 – 1800

by Colin G. Calloway (University of Oklahoma – Norman, 1990)

This book is the definitive synthesis of all written historical accounts of Abenakis, with an emphasis on the Vermont region, during the tumultuous centuries following European contact.

The Abenaki

by Colin G. Calloway (Chelsea House, 1989)

This book is mainly directed to a young audience, and it focuses more on Eastern Abenaki people. Nonetheless, it has many illuminating photographs of Penobscot Abenaki life during the early 20th century.

Aunt Sarah: Woman of the Dawnland

by Trudy Ann Parker (Dawnland Publications, 1994)

Written by one of her descendants, this book combines family history and local records to construct a narrative of the long life of Sarah Somers, an Abenaki from Lunenburg, VT.

Hidden Roots

by Joseph Bruchac (Scholastic Press, 2004)

Written by today's most prolific Abenaki writer and storyteller, this novel (written for teens) tells the story of one Abenaki family that had to hide its identity in order to avoid the forced sterilizations ordered by the Vermont Eugenics Survey in the 1930's. Though the characters are fictional, this story was regrettably common for real Vermont Abenakis.

1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus

by Charles C. Mann (Knopf, 2005)

This book pieces the latest archaeological findings and the historical record to present a "big picture" view of the many nations of the Americas. Though not focused on Abenaki history, this excellent book includes an account of the "mooning" of Giovanni da Verrazano in 1524.

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The New England Indians: Second Edition

by C. Keith Wilbur (Globe Pequot Press, 1996)

This illustrated encyclopedic guide to American Indian material culture is filled with excellent drawings based on actual archaeological discoveries, with bibliographic and museum source references as well.

Recommended Web Sites

<http://tribal.abenakination.com/>

This is the site maintained by the Missisquoi Abenaki Tribal Council, based in Swanton, VT. Contact info as of June 2012: Abenaki Tribal Council of Missisquoi, PO Box 133, Swanton, VT 05488; Dawnland@Missisquoi.comcastbiz.net

<http://www.cowasuck.org>

This incredibly informative website is maintained by the Cowasuck – Pennacook Band of Abenakis. Their newsletter, Aln8bak News, will keep you informed of upcoming events.

<http://www.abenakitribe.org/>

This is the site for the recently state-recognized Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe, based in Brownington, VT

<http://www.koasekabenaki.org>

This site was created by Abenaki folks from Koas (Cowass, Coos, and Cohase are some common spellings) which is today known as Newbury, VT and Haverhill, NH. Be sure to check out their history which features photographs of archaeological findings from the historic Oxbows of Koas!

<http://www.museedesabenakis.ca>

This is the newly renovated Museum in Odanak, Quebec. (Unless you're a francophone, click on the "English" button near the top right of the page.)

<http://www.uvm.edu/~eugenics/>

This is the extensive archive of all documents relating the infamous "Eugenics Survey of Vermont," a principal cause for many Abenaki families' apparent "disappearance."

