

## **Abenaki - Hard Road in History**

- Outline of Native Genealogy Research
- Eugenics Survey and Actions Against Abenaki of the 1920-1930's and Beyond

Paul will explain how native genealogy searches are done in his attempt to help all those who have pieces of their underground ancestry that was caused by persecution.

One major example is the atrocities conducted by Vermont during the 1920 thru 1970 as a result of the Perkins, Eugenics Survey program that sterilized hundreds of Abenaki and other minorities, labeled as an inferior race. Vermont - Number of Victims - 253 sterilizations were performed in Vermont making it the 25th highest in the nation. About two thirds of the total sterilizations were performed on women. Over 80% of the sterilized were deemed "mentally deficient." During these years there were 60,000 sterilization victims in the United States.