
First Buildings

Between 1844 and 1850, the settlers of Ceresco erected a series of buildings to accommodate the needs of the community.



The prints shown here were sponsored by the Ripon Community Arts Center in the 1950s and 60s. Eve Faustman (1893-1970) was the artist.

The Central House of Ceresco once stood at 12 Union Street. At the time, this was the only lodging available in the area. It was demolished in 1911. (Above)

The first school in Ceresco, was built in 1845 at the corner of Church and Liberty Streets. In 1848 the community added the large bell seen in the yard. (Top, right)

The Ceresco sawmill and temporary grist-mill for flour was built on Silver Creek in 1845. It was located east of the intersection of Locust and West Fond du Lac Streets. (Right) The dam was removed in the 1940s.

An early brick house in Ceresco still stands at 16 Union Street. It is speculated, but not proven, that the building served as the first post office from 1844-1850. (Bottom, left)

The Original Long House was built in the summer of 1845 near today's Ceresco Park. The people of the Wisconsin Phalanx lived as a group in the Long House for six years. (Bottom, right)

