
A SUCCESSFUL GRISTMILL: BUT FOR THE COMMUNE ONLY

The Ceresco grist mill was quite successful, but its success created a problem for the commune.

- **Their mill had been built large enough to meet only the needs of their Ceresco farmers, and not settlers in the surrounding area.**
- **Some of the farmers in their anger at Chase's refusal to share the Suresco grist mill threatened to burn down the mill.**

In 1946 the improvements were greatly extended, a grist-mill erected for their own use, and this had to be watched to keep the envious neighbors from burning it; and so strong was the prejudice they would grind their own grain in their own mill, and would not, because they could not, grind for others."

*Warren Chase
Life-Line of the Lone One
Autobiography, 1868*

WARREN CHASE (1813-1891)

He was leader of the Wisconsin Phalanx, represented Fond du Lac County at both state constitutional conventions advocating equal rights regardless of race or sex, but especially rights for married women. He was elected one of the first state senators, and in the 1850 election was the unsuccessful Free Soil candidate for governor.

