

Ross

Name: **Ross School**
 Location: 3rd Avenue NW &
 (N)W 43rd Street
 Building: 2-room wood
 Architect: n.a.
 Site: 1.16 acres

1883: Opened
 1891: Annexed into Seattle School
 District on June 1
 1902: Closed in December
 1903: Rented for use as
 dressmaking shop
 1916: Old schoolhouse sold on
 March 22



Ross, ca. 1903 MOHAI 17502

The first Ross School opened in 1873 when Mary Jane (McMillan) Ross decided she wanted her children educated closer to home. The Rosses had moved to North Queen Anne (at the north end of today's Seattle Pacific University where Third Avenue West meets the Ship

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1903: Opened on January 5;
 renamed *Farragut* on
 March 7; renamed *Ross*
 on September 1
 1939: Leased to park board for 99
 years for playground
 purposes
 1940: School closed in June
 1941: Building demolished on
 January 18
 Present: Site of Ross Playfield



Ross, ca. 1940 SPSA 097-1

Canal). In order to keep her younger children from having to board in town while attending school, Mrs. Ross set up a classroom in a vacant second-floor room in her home and hired Lima Penfield to teach. Children came from not only North Queen Anne but also Fremont and what would become Phinney Ridge.

In 1883, Mary and her husband John moved to the north side of the creek flowing between Fremont and Ballard, and there, along with their neighbor William Ashworth, built a two-room schoolhouse.

Over Christmas recess in 1902–03, the old schoolhouse closed and a new building opened. When the new school closed in 1940, students were sent to West Woodland, which had its origins as the Ross Annex.