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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic John F. Yuncker House

and/or common Financial Insights, Inc.

2. Location

street & number 519 South G Street not for publication

city, town Tacoma vicinity of

state Washington code 053 county Pierce code 053

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple owners (see continuation sheet)

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pierce County Assessor's Office

street & number 2401 35th Street

city, town Tacoma state Washington 98409

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

(1) Washington State Inventory of Cultural Resources
title (2) Tacoma Cultural Resources Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records (1) Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
(2) Tacoma Community Development Department

city, town (1) 111 W. 21st, Olympia Washington 98504
(2) Tacoma state Washington 98402

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The John F. Yuncker house at 519 South G Street was designed by Carl August Darmer as a single family residence in 1888-89 for Yuncker, a prominent Tacoma businessman, and his family. The building is a balloon-framed two story structure with gable roofs. The major building materials of the exterior are drop siding exposed six inches to weather; shingles as siding in a staggered butt pattern; and trim of wooden trim boards. The roof is covered with fiberglass shingles that replaced the original cedar shingles. The house was sited to view the 30-acre Wright Park across the street where the Seymour Conservatory is also located. The park and conservatory are on the Local, State and National Registers (National Register, 1976).

The building is a rectangle 45 feet in depth and 25 feet in width with projecting bays to the north and south. The northern bay is 13 feet wide and projects five feet. It is two stories in height and crowned with a gable roof with a pediment ornamented with a decorative sunburst. This sunburst is repeated in a bracketed false dormer on the front (west) elevation. The south elevation also has a projecting bay of one story with a combination hip roof with gabled pediment. This bay projects three feet and is nine feet in width. Within the gable end of the front elevation there is a round window. The round window, approximately three feet in diameter, is dissected into a grid of muntins. The roof rests on a simple frieze formed by board and moldings and is highlighted with a series of brackets in a scroll or volute form.

The front porch is raised from grade with solid wood skirting. The structure of the porch is provided by unfluted modified Tuscan columns set on large plinths. The entablature is simplified Tuscan with simple architrave and frieze. The porch is completed with a simple railing.

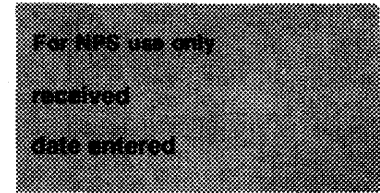
An addition to the original house was added in 1911. It was also designed by Carl A. Darmer. This addition is one story with hip roof and measures 16 feet in width and projects from the original rear building line 12 feet with a porch and stairway projecting an additional four feet.

The interior plan of the building features public rooms on the first floor with bedrooms on the second floor. The interior finishes are plaster on wood lath on walls and ceilings, wood floors of oak in the foyer, fir floors elsewhere. Doors and windows are trimmed in wood with "target" moldings at the head.

The main entry originally included a single leaf door with sidelights later replaced with two doors. The entry has since been restored to its original design. The door enters a foyer with stairway to the second floor to the north and an open parlor to the south. The opening between foyer and parlor is formed by columns on plinths and low partitions engaging the column plinths to the walls. The central feature of the parlor is a fireplace with wood mantel and surround. The firebox is small (appropriate for coal burning) and is surrounded with glazed tile. The hearth is quarry tile in a decorative pattern. The windows are double-hung one-over-one, and are original to the building as are the window pulls and latches. An inner parlor is connected to the first parlor by large sliding pocket doors. Original doors were paneled in a four-over-two pattern. The inner parlor includes the projecting bay to the south with a fireplace located on an interior corner. This fireplace is of similar design to the first but with a wooden mantel of a unique design.

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Beyond the parlors, a dining room, bath, and kitchen completes the original house on the first floor. The kitchen's south wall is glazed as a sunroom. Originally, the sun room may have been a porch, but no definitive evidence reveals earlier usage. The completion of the first floor includes the 1911 addition which contains two small closets and a large room to the rear steps. It also serves as a corridor for the second stairway leading from the upper floor.

The entry stairway had been altered when the building was converted to a two-family residence. A wall was constructed separating the foyer from the stairway and the balustrade was discarded. A small portion of the baluster and one newel post remained at the upper landing. During restoration efforts in 1985, the doorway and entry were restored to their original design, and a new banister replicating the original was constructed, incorporating the remaining portions of the original railing. The upper floor was divided into four bedrooms with one bath served by a central hallway. A small kitchen was installed to serve the upper residence. Both floors have been converted from residential to commercial use.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Constructed 1888-89
Addition 1911

Builder/Architect Carl August Darmer

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The John F. Yuncker House represents a significant work by one of Tacoma's prominent architects, Carl August Darmer. It is one of the few residences designed by Darmer which remains standing today. The integrity of the house has been well maintained and the building is a good representative of late nineteenth century domestic design constructed during Tacoma's boom period. Its location, adjacent to 30-acre Wright Park and the Seymour Botanical Conservatory (both on the Local, State, and National Registers), compliments its significance. The original owners were prominent citizens who occupied the home for over 90 years and who made important contributions to the local business, religious, and artistic community.

Built, in 1888-89, the J.F. Yuncker residence is a fine example of the contemporary architecture of the period reflecting elements of Queen Anne and Stick Style design and detailing. Although not as large as other Tacoma examples of the period, and not as large as other Darmer residences of the type, the Yuncker residence exhibits the translation of the Victorian design elements common to large houses to the smaller, town house scale of this residence.

The architectural integrity of the original residence has been well maintained. The rear addition of 1911 can be viewed as a completion of the original house. Restoration activity in 1985 restored the entry to its original design and removed a small non-historic window. With the exception of fiberglass shingles replacing original cedar shingles, the residence has been maintained as originally designed. The present occupant, Financial Insights, Inc., has changed the use to light commercial, but the basic fabric has been maintained and restored, helping to stabilize a transitional neighborhood.

Carl August Darmer (1858-1952) known as the "Dean of Tacoma Architects" arrived in Tacoma in 1885. Darmer formed a partnership with another architect, William Farrell. The firm of Farrell and Darmer were responsible for a vast number of early Tacoma buildings including the Carlton Hotel (Union Depot/Warehouse Historic District, National Register, 1980); the Olympus Hotel, 728-734 Pacific Avenue (Old City Hall Historic District, National Register, 1977); as well as many existing commercial building in the central business district. Among the works of Darmer are over 100 residences, including the Ezra Meeker Mansion in Puyallup (National Register, 1971), but much of this residential work has been destroyed. The University of Washington Architectural History Collection contains seven linen sheet sketches by Darmer of the Yuncker House. His practice continued until 1935, when he retired.

John Frank Yuncker was the original owner of the house at 519 South G Street. He was considered an early resident and prominent citizen of Tacoma who made major contributions to the local business and religious community. Yuncker moved to Tacoma from the East in the late nineteenth century because of poor health. He brought to Tacoma his family bottling business, highly successful in Ohio and Indiana where the firm had acquired a Coca-Cola franchise. J.F. Yuncker was the owner of Yuncker Bottling Works, later named Yuncker Pacific Company, of 1214 Center Street in Tacoma. Mineral water and soft drinks

9. Major Bibliographical References

Carl A. Darmer Collection, University of Washington Architectural History Collection.
 7 linen sheets: 519 South G Street.
 Chronological Book Form Number 979.72 D25R, pp. 5, 21 (Darmer Papers).
 New Index Map, March 1892, Tacoma, Washington. Sanborn-Perris Map Co.

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Tacoma North

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 9 and 10, Block 513, City of Tacoma, Pierce County.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title (1) Linda Wergeland, Financial Planner
 (2) August Gene Grulich, Architect

organization (1) Financial Insights, Inc.
 (2) Grulich Architecture & Planning Svcs.date

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city or town Tacoma state Washington 98405

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *James E. Moore*

title State Historic Preservation Officer date June 19, 1985

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

James M. Sammons
 Keeper of the National Register

date 8/23/85

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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were bottled and sold in what was one of the first bottling companies in Tacoma. Yuncker and members of his immediate family occupied 519 "Park Heights" for 91 years. They were notable members of St. Leo's Parish where Mrs. Yuncker was closely identified with the foundation of the parish, working in the Altar Society and singing in the choir. One of the Yuncker daughters, Lillian, was a local artist of some reknown. She studied art at Visitation Academy, a boarding school across from the Old St. Joseph's Hospital. Many of her original water colors are still in Tacoma.

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Tacoma City Directory, 1889, at Tacoma Public Library.

Tacoma Daily Ledger, August 9, 1903, p. 8; May 31, 1919; January 27, 1932, p. 9.

Tacoma News Tribune, June 4, 1976, p. A-8.

Telephone Interview with Ann Lindstrom, granddaughter of J.F. Yuncker, on September 14, 1984. Address: 424 Girard Drive, Medford, Oregon 97504.