520 North L St.

Carl Darmer, a noted Tacoma architect, in 1900 built a family home, a 2 1/2 story Queen Anne house, at 520 North L. Centered on the front is a pedimented gable dormer supported on decorate brackets. A shallow roofed porch extends across the front of the house and is supported on double round columns. Dormer was born in 1858 in Germany, apprenticed as a carpenter and builder, came to San Francisco in 182, and Tacoma in 1884. He also designed the Harmon Building, First Presbyterian Church, and Peoples Store.