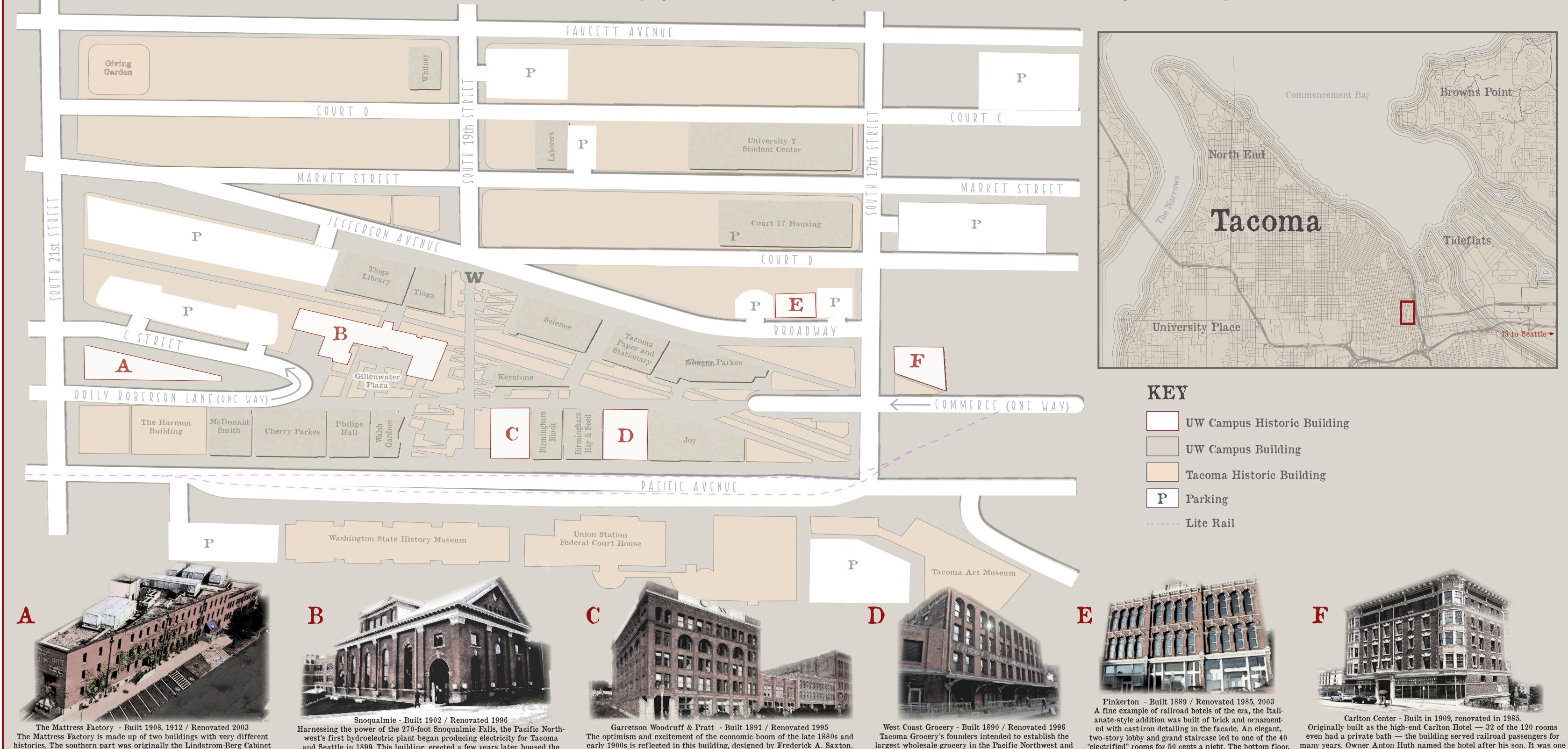
## HISTORIC WAREHOUSE DISTRICT BUILDINGS

## University of Washington, Tacoma

Established as a result of widespread community support and statewide efforts to expand access to higher education, the University of Washington Tacoma opened its doors in 1990. Because of its location in a historic warehouse district, the campus plays a vital role in revitalizing and transforming downtown Tacoma. The transforming downtown Tacoma. The transforming downtown to university buildings earned nationwide recognition for architectural excellence and historic preservation: the project received the 1999 Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design from the American Institute of Architects and an award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The project included renovating six historic warehouses with 133,000 square feet of space.



Built in a Romanesque style with obsidian pressed brick and terra-cotta

trim, the detailing is some of the best in the district. When it was new, a

grand staircase offered views of Mount Rainier from the landings.

and Seattle in 1899. This building, erected a few years later, housed the

giant transformers needed to reduce the voltage coming directly from the

plant. The Snoqualmie Falls Power House supplied electricity to most of

Tacoma, including the 600 volts needed for the electric trolleys.

Works and the northern part was a factory built for the Harmon

Furniture Company. "Ghost writing" ads for the firm can still be seen

on the building's exterior and on other restored buildings on campus.

of the earliest restoration projects in the Union Station Historic District

and now serves as office space for a variety of tenants, including the

University of Washington Tacoma.

"electrified" rooms for 50 cents a night. The bottom floor,

with a separate entrance on Broadway, housed several

tobacco shops, a barbershop and a bath.

businesses catering to the needs of passengers, including

put up this building to house its expanding business.

Local architects Proctor and Dennis gave this building

an Italian Renaissance style.