UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 13F

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Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2000

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. One East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (Name and Address of Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report)

Form 13F File Number: 28-4389

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

> Fred J. Runk Senior Vice President and Treasurer (513) 579-2489

(Name, Title and Phone Number of Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager)

Signature:

Fred J. Runk Cincinnati, Ohio November 7, 2000 Fred J. Runk Senior Vice President and Treasurer

Report Type:

[X] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT.
[] 13F NOTICE.
[] 13F COMBINATION REPORT 13F COMBINATION REPORT.

FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Number of Other Included Managers:	5		
Form 13F Information Table Entry Total:	42		
Form 13F Information Table Value Total (thousands):	\$ 966,129		

Name and 13F file numbers of all Institutional Investment Managers with respect to which this schedule is filed (other than American Financial Group, Inc.):

Number	13F File Number	Name of Subsidiary
1.	28-5042	AFC Holding Company
2.	28-497	American Financial Corporation
3.	28-2414	American Premier Underwriters, Inc.
4.	28-3978	Pennsylvania Company
5.	28-498	Great American Insurance Company

FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE

Column 1:	Column 2: Title of Column 3: Class CUSIP		Column 4: Market	Column 5: Shares or	Column 6:	Column 7:	Column 8: Voting Authority		
Name of Issuer	Class	CUSIP	(000's)	Amount	Discretion	Managers	Sole	Shared	None
HOLDINGS OF GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY									
ADELPHIA COMMUNICATIONS CORP GREAT AMERN FINL RES INC AT HOME CORP CHIQUITA BRANDS INTL INC COMCAST CORP COMCAST CORP MARSH SUPERMARKETS INC MARSH SUPERMARKETS INC	CL A COM	006848 10 5	\$ 717		Defined	1,2,5	26,000		
GREAT AMERN FINL RES INC	COM			35,059,995SH	Defined	"	35,059,995		
CHICHTA BRANDS INTL INC	COM SER A COM	045919 10 7 170032 10 6	141 53 845	10,000SH 17,230,289SH	Defined Defined	"	10,000 17,230,289		
COMCAST CORP	CL A	200300 10 1	1,587	39,000SH	Defined	11	39,000		
COMCAST CORP	CL A SPL	200300 20 0	1,433	35,000SH	Defined	"	, , , , , ,		35,000
MARSH SUPERMARKETS INC	CL B CL A	571783 20 8	2,452	189,543SH	Defined	"			189,543
MARSH SUPERMARKETS INC	CL A	571783 30 7	625	39,543SH	Defined	"	39,543		
METRICOM INC PROVIDENT FINL GROUP INC	COM COM	591596 10 1 743866 10 5	386 153 357	15,000SH 5,220,671SH	Defined Defined	"	15,000 5,220,671		
RCN CORP	COM	749361 10 1	436	21,000SH	Defined	11	21,000		
SEPRACOR INC	COM	817315 10 4	4,515	36,800SH	Defined	11	36,800		
TIME WARNER INC	COM	887315 10 9	1,364	17,433SH	Defined	"	17,433		
WASHINGTON MUT INC	COM	939322 10 3	2,883	72,423SH	Defined	"	72,423		
HOLDINGS OF OTHER SUBSIDIARIES OF AFG EACH HAVING LESS THAN \$100 MILLION IN 13F SECURITIES									
ADELPHIA COMMUNICATIONS CORP	CL A	006848 10 5	1,450	52,605SH	Defined	1,2,3,4	52,605		
AT HOME CORP	COM SER A	045919 10 7	1,187	84,018SH	Defined	, , - ,	84,018		
ASTORIA FINL CORP	COM	046265 10 4	1,215	31,450SH		1,2,3,4,5			
BERKLEY W R CORP	COM	084423 10 2	1,093	31,630SH	Defined	1,2,3,4	31,630		
BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO BROADWING INC CABLEVISION SYS CORP CHIQUITA BRANDS INTL INC COMCAST CORP	COM COM	110122 10 8 111620 10 0	1,143 834	20,000SH 32,611SH	Defined Defined	1,2,3,4,5 1,2,3,4	20,000 32,611		
CABLEVISION SYS CORP	CL A	12686C 10 9	1,373	20,700SH	Defined	1,2,3,4,5			
CHIQUITA BRANDS INTL INC	COM	170032 10 6	21, 143	,	Defined	1,2,3,.,3	6,766,006		
		200300 10 1	1,009	24,800SH	Defined	1,2,3,4	24,800		
COMCAST CORP	CL A SPL	200300 20 0	3,102	75,760SH	Defined	ii '			75,760
CONSECO INC	COM	208464 10 7	297	39,000SH	Defined	"	39,000		
JOHN HANCOCK BK &THRIFT OPP FD HOST MARRIOTT CORP NEW	SH BEN INT COM	409735 10 7 44107P 10 4	414 114	52,200SH 10,110SH	Defined Defined	"	52,200 10,110		
LEUCADIA NATL CORP	COM	527288 10 4	705	26,352SH	Defined	1,2			
MARSH SUPERMARKETS INC	CL B	571783 20 8	6,906	533,801SH	Defined	1,2,3,4			533,801
MARSH SUPERMARKETS INC	CL A	571783 30 7	10,916	690,301SH	Defined	ii i	690,301		
MELLON FINL CORP	COM	58551A 10 8	3,525	76,000SH	Defined	"	76,000		
METRICOM INC	COM	591596 10 1	515	20,000SH	Defined	1 2 5	20,000		
POPULAR INC PROVIDENT FINL GROUP INC	COM COM	733174 10 6 743866 10 5	5,123 10,238	189,320SH 348,509SH	Defined Defined	1,2,5 1,2,3,4,5			
RCN CORP	COM	749361 10 1	1,457	70,250SH	Defined	1,2,3,4,3	70,250		
RELIANCE GROUP HOLDINGS INC	COM	759464 10 0	2	10,800SH	Defined	1,2,5	10,800		
SEPRACOR INC	COM	817315 10 4	9,128	74,400SH	Defined	1,2,3,4,5			
TRINITY INDS INC	COM	896522 10 9	701	30,000SH	Defined	1,2,5	30,000		
US BANCORP DEL	COM	902973 10 6	512	22,500SH	Defined	1,2,3,4	22,500		
WASHINGTON MUT INC WESTPOINT STEVENS INC	COM COM	939322 10 3 961238 10 2	1,730 360	43,453SH 29,400SH	Defined Defined	1,2,5 1,2,3,4	43,453 29,400		
ZENITH NATL INS CORP	COM	989390 10 9	14,160	647,300SH	Defined	1,2,3,4	647,300		
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REPORT TOTAL			\$ 966,129						
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