

# John Hand Building

## Identification




<b>EBN</b>	125534
<b>Name</b>	John Hand Building
<b>Alternative Name</b>	First National Bank, American Traders National Bank, American Trust & Savings Bank Building, The Bank
<b>Construction Type</b>	high-rise building
<b>Complex Type</b>	mixed-use
<b>Complex Name</b>	Heaviest Corner on Earth
<b>Current Status</b>	existing [completed]

## Location

<b>Continent Name</b>	North America	<b>District (1st level)</b>	Northside
<b>Country Name</b>	U.S.A.	<b>District (2nd level)</b>	Central City
<b>State Name</b>	Alabama	<b>Postcode</b>	35203

<b>Zone</b>	Downtown	<b>Address (as text)</b>	17 20th Street North
<b>Metro Area Name</b>	Birmingham-Hoover-Cullman Combined Statistical Area	<b>Main Address</b>	17 20th Street North
<b>City Name</b>	Birmingham	<b>Virtual Address</b>	2001 1st Avenue North 2000 Morris Avenue

## Description

<b>Structural Material</b>	steel	<b>Architectural style</b>	neo-classicism
<b>Facade System</b>	curtain wall	<b>Main Usage</b>	 residential condominium  commercial office
<b>Facade Color</b>	white	<b>Side Usage</b>	 hotel club house

## Spatial dimensions

<b>Height (structural)</b>	284 ft	<b>Floors (overground)</b>	20
<b>Height (tip)</b>	284 ft	<b>Elevators</b>	5
<b>Height (roof)</b>	270 ft		

## Years and costs

<b>Year (construction end)</b>	1912	<b>Year (last renovation)</b>	2000
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## Features & Amenities

- National landmark

## Facts

- Tallest building in Alabama from 1912-1913; surpassed by the City Federal Condominiums.

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- The lower eight floors of this building contain office space and the top twelve floors are loft apartments and luxury condominiums.
- Combined with the Brown Marx Tower, Woodward Building, and Empire Building, the John Hand Building was a part of what was billed as being "heaviest corner on earth" in the early 1900s.
- Renamed after former First National Bank president John A. Hand in 1930.
- Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.
- The renovation of the building in 2000 cost \$20 million.
- The top two floors contain the John Hand Club and Hotel.

## Involved companies

Architect.....

**Mowbray & Uffinger**

New York City  
U.S.A.

**William Leslie Welton**

Birmingham  
U.S.A.

## Additional company data available for this building

**General Contractor**

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## Renovations

### Renovation 2000

*Companies involved in this renovation*

Architect.....

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