The Portman Archives, LLC is the repository for materials relating to our founder, John C. Portman, Jr., who pioneered the concept of “Architect as Developer”, successfully building both an architectural firm of international repute: John Portman & Associates, as well as a host of affiliated real estate development, property management, and wholesale mart companies.

Please use this guide and map for a walking tour of his many downtown buildings. Visitors will be able to see Portman’s designs and learn the history of the architect who shaped downtown Atlanta. The walking tour begins at the Suntrust Plaza and meanders through Mr. Portman’s many downtown Atlanta buildings as well as through the streets, ending at his most recently completed project in downtown Atlanta—the renovation of one of his earliest office buildings, 230 Peachtree, into the Hotel Indigo and restaurant, JP Atlanta. Visitors will be able to view the exteriors and/or interiors of many downtown Atlanta buildings and see how Mr. Portman has shaped the development of downtown Atlanta. This tour will take approximately an hour and fifteen minutes.
Be on the lookout for and keep in mind the following design elements and themes that you will come across while touring Mr. Portman's work around downtown Atlanta: element strands, canopies, bringing nature into the space, creating public spaces for people to interact, and exploding columns. Some of these have been identified and marked on the map, but keep your eyes open while on the tour for other design elements.

Portman Tour Stops
2. Suntrust Plaza (1992)
4. Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel (1985)
5. Marquis One (1985)
6. Atlanta Hyatt Regency Hotel (1967)
7. Peachtree Center (1965-1976)
8. Atlanta Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel (1976)
10. AmericasMart Building 1 - Atlanta Merchandise Mart (1967)
12. AmericasMart Building 3 - Atlanta Apparel Mart (1979)
15. *Optional* Fraternal Order of Eagles (1953)
   This was Mr. Portman's first commission. While the façade renovation has been removed, see picture for image of Mr. Portman's design.