CHICAGO RIVER BASCULE BRIDGE, KINZIE STREET   HAER No. IL-134
Spanning North Branch Chicago River at Kinzie Street
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IL-134-1   GENERAL VIEW OF BRIDGE, LOOKING SOUTH

IL-134-2   VIEW OF APPROACH TO BRIDGE, LOOKING WEST

IL-134-3   VIEW OF BRIDGE, LOOKING SOUTHEAST

IL-134-4   VIEW OF BRIDGE IN ITS FULLY ELEVATED POSITION, LOOKING
           EAST

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Location: Kinzie Street crossing North Branch of the
                     Chicago River
                     Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Date of
Construction: 1909

Engineer/Designer: Alexander von Babo, City Engineer of Bridge
                     Design

Present Owner: City of Chicago.

Present Use: Highway Bridge.

Significance: This single-leaf bascule bridge represents
                     the transition between the early Chicago-type
                     bascule bridge, first employed in the West
                     Cortland Street Bridge (see HAER No. IL-138),
                     and subsequent improvments in the original
                     design executed by city engineers. (See
                     Donald N. Becker, "Development of the Chicago
                     Type Bascule Bridge," Transactions of the
                     American Society of Civil Engineers, v. 109
                     [1944], 1009-10.)

Historian: Gray Fitzsimons, 1987.

Project
Information: This photographic documentation project of
                     the bascule bridges crossing the Chicago
                     River was carried out by Jet Lowe, HAER staff
                     photographer, in 1987 and followed on the
                     heels of an inventory of historic engineering
                     and industrial sites in the Illinois and
                     Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor.
                     HAER historian Gray Fitzsimons was project
                     manager for this undertaking.