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CHICAGO RIVER BASCULE BRIDGE,
CANAL STREET

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Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor
Canal Street crossing South Branch of
the Chicago River
Chicago
Cook County
Illinois

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IL-137-1 PARTIAL VIEW OF BRIDGE AND FULL VIEW OF BRIDGETENDER'S
HOUSE

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Location: Canal Street crossing South Branch of the
Chicago River
Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Date of
Construction: ca. 1930

Present Owner: City of Chicago.

Present Use: Highway Bridge.

Significance: Chicago city engineers employed their
standard bascule design for this bridge
carrying Canal Street Bridge across the South
Branch of the Chicago River. Its streamlined
bridgetender's house reflects an
architectural aesthetic from the 1920s and
1930s that Chicago's engineers adopted for
its bridges in the 1930s.

Historian: Gray Fitzsimons, 1987.

Project
Information: This photographic documentation project of
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.