



Florence, Alabama; Old *Railroad Bridge* with steam engine headed toward Sheffield (undated photo). The original wooden bridge (built in 1858 by Memphis & Charleston Railroad) was the first bridge to span the Tennessee River and was burned by Helms Confederate Calvary to prevent Union invasion. Replacement steel bridge (shown in photo) was built in 1902. (Photo © G. W. Landrum)



Florence, Alabama; Photo of the old *Railroad Bridge* as it swings open to let a barge continue down the Tennessee River (undated photo). This part of the bridge does not exist today. (Photo © G. W. Landrum)