



## FAMILY AFFAIR

**THEY SAY A PICTURE** is worth a thousand words, and that is especially true of this one (though we'll keep it to around a quarter of that). Here's the story behind the photo, as told by Sam Tipton, chief safety officer for AISC member and certified erector Chicago Steel Construction:

My father, Robert D. Tipton, was an ironworker for more than 40 years, working for American Bridge as a superintendent for much of his career. During his tenure there, he was responsible for the 123 N. Wacker project in the late 1980s.

Across the Chicago River from 123 N. Wacker is 100 N. Riverside, also known as the world headquarters for Boeing. My father worked on this project too, as superintendent, though he had moved on to PDM Bridge after retiring from American Bridge. He helped start PDM's erection division in Chicago, and this was the first building the company erected in the city.

A block north from Boeing, on the same (west) side of the river, is 150 N. Riverside, for which Chicago Steel Construction provided steel erection services (you may recall our crane on a barge in the middle of the river during construction). This was the tallest building we had been completed to date—and it was right across the street from one of the buildings my father had erected and diagonally across the river from another.

Concerning this particular photo of 150—I've been going around Chicago taking photos of projects Chicago Steel has completed in preparation for our 20th anniversary celebration, and this one jumped out at me—123 N. Wacker (the shorter building) is reflected in the windows of 150 N. Riverside, with 100 N. Riverside visible to the left of 150. I like to think of it this way: The father is reflected in the son while looking over his shoulder. ■

*150 N. Riverside is an AISC 2018 IDEAS<sup>2</sup> Award winner. You can read more about it and the rest of this year's winners in the May issue, as well as in "Above and Beyond" in the July 2017 issue, both available at [www.modernsteel.com](http://www.modernsteel.com).*