

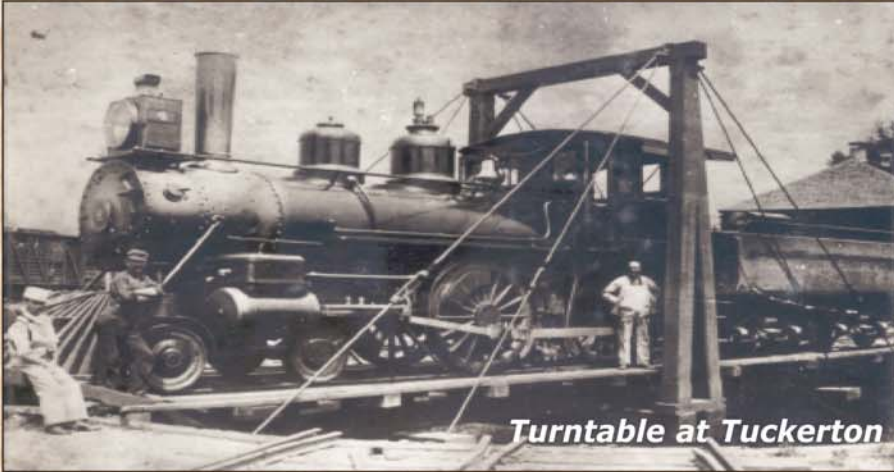


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BARNEGAT BRANCH TRAIL

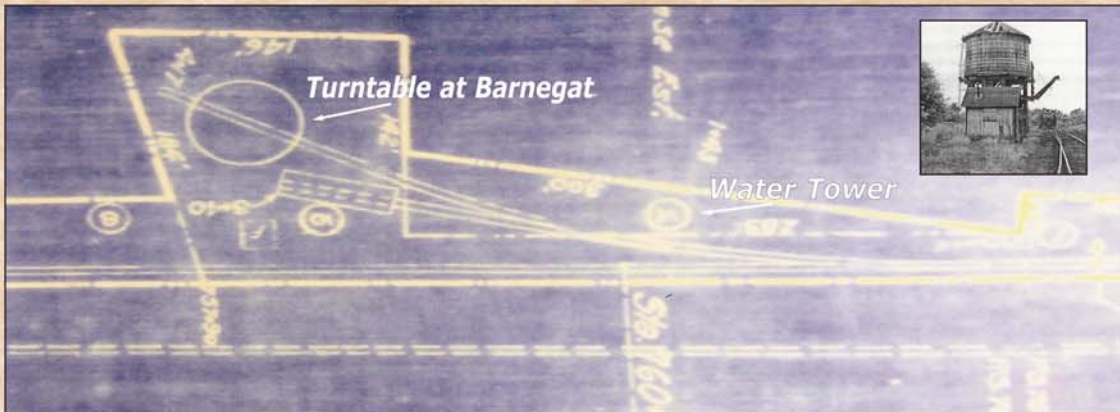
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WELCOME TO THE CNJ TURNTABLE



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Often located at the “end of the line” or at a railroad repair yard, a “turntable” is a common railroad facility designed to rotate the orientation of a railroad engine so that it can be attached to the opposite end of a series of passenger and/or freight cars. The CNJ built the “new” turntable at Barnegat in 1880 and thereby abandoned the old turntable at Waretown Junction. The older turntable at Toms River was abandoned in 1885. Unlike the Tuckerton Railroad turntable in this photo, the CNJ turntable at Barnegat did not attach to railroad engine storage or repair houses. The carefully balanced mechanical operation was powered entirely by human effort. Official Barnegat historian, Mrs. Mary Catherine Kennedy can remember as a child being able to help rotate the platform with the full weight of the engine. Mr. Al Stokley visited the Railroad Museum in Baltimore to obtain an image of the actual site plan of the water tower and round table. Local legend claims that Lenape dwellings occupied this site.



Courtesy of Al Stokley

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 Tuckerton Historical Society
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The Barnegat Branch Trail logo was explicitly designed with history in mind: Lady Liberty's silhouette is reminiscent of the Central Railroad of NJ (CNJ) logo, adopted by the railroad in 1944 to reflect the close proximity of the CNJ terminal in Jersey City to the Statue of Liberty. The BBT logo also includes a ghost locomotive, as well as Ocean County's most recognizable environmental features.

