



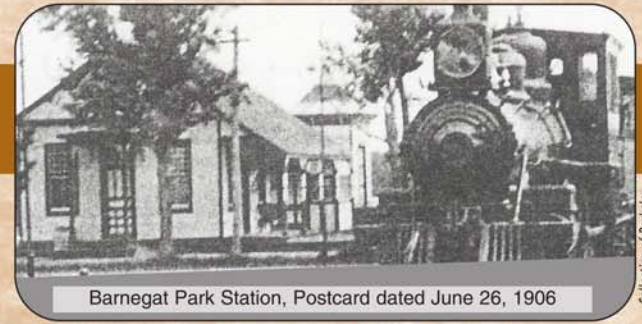
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# BARNEGAT BRANCH TRAIL

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## WELCOME TO BARNEGAT PARK

**B**arnegat Park was laid out in 1887 by the Barnegat Park Company, a group of ex-army and navy officers, on the TR&W four miles south of Toms River, near what had been the small community of Bayville. The town embraced 300 acres between Pine and Cedar Creeks and was designed as a retirement community for Civil War veterans. It featured a central boulevard 100 feet wide and streets named for prominent army and navy officers, lined at intervals by pyramids of cannon balls. An adjacent tract of 4,000 acres was set aside for hunting. A large depot, post office, store, and bank were built in 1888 and a large hotel, The Pines, in 1890. The company went into receivership in 1892 amidst charges of fraud and malfeasance. Most of the public buildings were destroyed in a suspicious fire on October 21, 1893, and The Pines burned down on July 5, 1895.



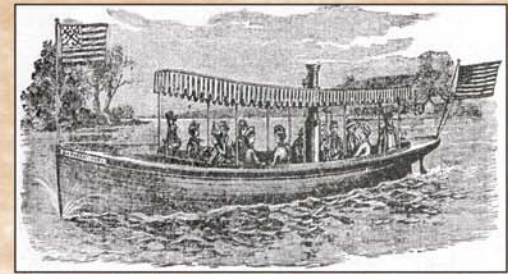
Barnegat Park Station, Postcard dated June 26, 1906

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The Barnegat Park Station (far right) was one of several public buildings erected by the Barnegat Park Company, including (left to right) the land office, post office, and state bank. Note also the artillery and stacked cannon balls — the only thing missing are homes.



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The drawing is from a sales brochure from 1888 and is an "exact picture of the New Steam Yacht now at the Park, and designed for the pleasure and service of its residents and visitors."

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