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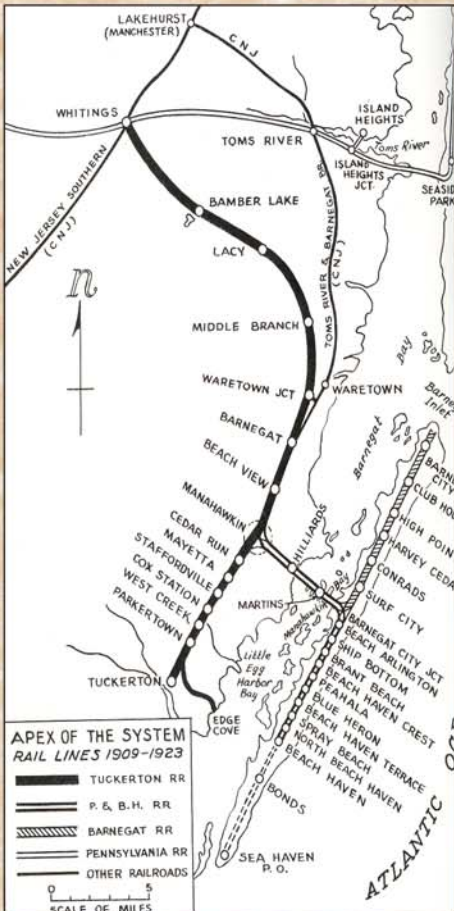
# BARNEGAT BRANCH TRAIL

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## WELCOME TO TUCKERTON RAILROAD



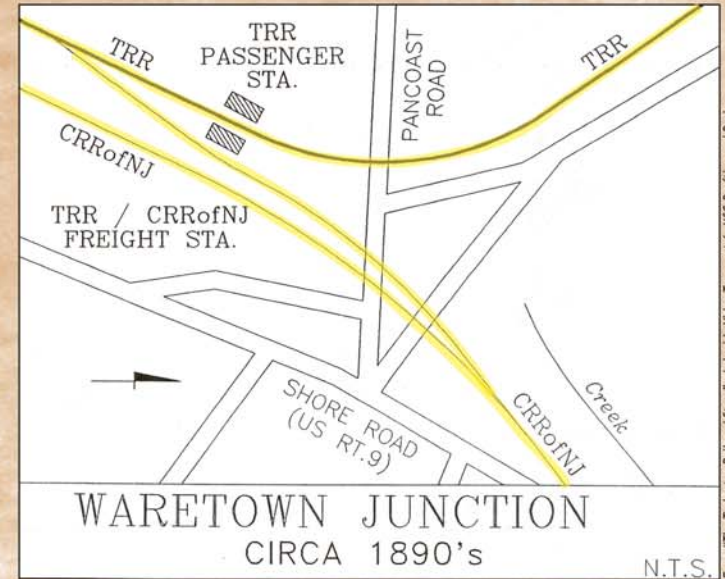
Tuckerton Railroad Barnegat Station



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In 1871, the 29 mile Tuckerton Railroad was completed from Whiting(s) to Tuckerton. In a short time, the railroads were connected at Waretown Junction. In 1879, the TR&WRR was extended 1.8 miles south to Barnegat and considered beating their rival to LBI. In the decades leading up to World War I the Barnegat Branch and the Tuckerton continued to vie for seasonal passenger and freight traffic. This rivalry explains the two parallel rights-of-way running through the forest between Barnegat and Waretown Junction (Pancoast Road). Can you see/did you notice? At first, tourists reached Long Beach Island (Beach Haven) through a steam boat connection to Edge Cove in Tuckerton. In 1886, the Pennsylvania Railroad connected to Long Beach Island through the TRR rails at Manahawkin and connected to both ends of Long Beach Island. Ironically, the tracks to Whiting(s) were removed in 1935 and the final tracks south of Barnegat were removed in 1940. A few artifacts and structures remain of the Tuckerton Railroad: the Whiting(s) turntable pit, the Barnegat Passenger Station converted to a home with additions at Railroad Avenue, Barnegat, the Barnegat coal trestle on Railroad Avenue, the two Tuckerton trestle concrete stanchions (one in the graveyard & one next to the child-care building) on Railroad Avenue, the wooden foundation of the Tuckerton freight station and the 1872 Manahawkin Railroad Station located at Heritage Park in Manahawkin. (Source: The Tuckerton Railroad, John Brinckmann, 1973). At the time of bankruptcy, the Tuckerton RR is alleged to have had the lowest debts of any railroad to actually declare bankruptcy in the United States.

For more information: [www.tuckertonlehhs.org](http://www.tuckertonlehhs.org)



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The Central Railroad of New Jersey adopted the Statue of Liberty logo because the Hudson River terminal was in Jersey City with a dramatic view of New York Harbor.