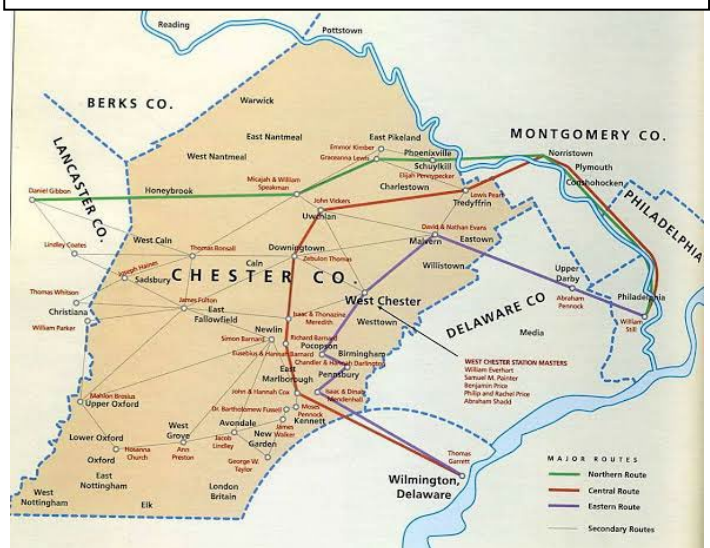


Barnard Station – A Tale of Two Railroads

Friends of Barnard Station selected the title for two reasons – its unofficial name as a stop on the Underground Railroad and official designation as a stop on the West Chester Street Railway trolley line.

Eusebius and Sarah Barnard were abolitionists assisting in the transport of freedom seekers through Chester County. When activity increased necessitating establishing an additional UGRR route in the area, the Barnards were “among the first to make their residence an established station on this new line of travel” according to Smedley in his book History of the Underground Railroad in Chester and the Neighboring Counties of Pennsylvania.

Map of Underground Railroad Station Masters



In the late 1800s, the West Chester Street Railway built a trolley line from West Chester to Lenape. At the same time the Lenape Dance Hall and Park were built and marketed as a destination for trolley riders.

THEY WANT THE ROAD.
The Pocopson People With One Exception Solid.
 Yesterday Eusebius Barnard, a respected and successful farmer of Pocopson township, was in West Chester, on business. The Kennett extension of the West Chester Street Railway crosses his property and is already graded ready for the rails. He was met by a reporter who said:
 "Did you come in on the trolley, Mr. Barnard?"
 "Yes, from Lenape," was the immediate response.
 "You folks out in Pocopson don't want the new trolley line, I suppose?" was the next leading question.
 "I do," said he. "I always did want it. But as I told 'King' Taylor, he is a bigger man than the whole of Pocopson township, and can hold up the road."
 "Has more power than a Czar, eh?"
 "Yes, a King, and the public has to suffer," was the reply.
 The Street Railway officials state that Mr. Barnard has been one of the most earnest advocates of the new line, and is still anxious for it. There are many others in the same category. Marshall Miles says he is not only glad to give a right of way but would help financially. William Barton and Truman Lloyd are very anxious that the line should be completed and all of Willowdale, Unionville and other points along the proposed line are indignant at the hold-up and exercised over the rumors of a change of route. They all dilate on the subject and have some very strong views on the present hold-up by one property owner who is inconveniencing several thousand people by his actions.
 But what is to be done about it?

Nearby residents petitioned the trolley company to extend the line to Kennett Square. Eusebius R and brother Enos Barnard were very active in promoting the project, though they were at odds with a man named Taylor, a nearby property owner, as evidenced in a 1904 Daily Local News article. The Barnards enthusiasm prompted the railway to create a stop next to their property at the intersection of Wawaset Rd and Route 52, naming it Barnard Station.

Eusebius Barnard, of Barnard Station, Kennett Division of the Street Railway, was in West Chester yesterday. He has the honor to have a station named for him on account of his liberal treatment of the railway company.

The completion in 1904 of the Kennett and Lenape Branch of the West Chester Street Railway carried passengers and products from the Barnard farms and dairy.

WEST CHESTER—LENAPE—KENNETT SQUARE

	A M	A M	A M	A M	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M	P M
Ly. WEST CHESTER.	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00
• Scennelltown.....	6.12	7.12	8.12	9.12	10.12	11.12	12.12	1.12	2.12	3.12	4.12	5.12	6.12	7.12	8.12	9.12	10.12	11.12
• Lenape.....	6.18	7.18	8.18	9.18	10.18	11.18	12.18	1.18	2.18	3.18	4.18	5.18	6.18	7.18	8.18	9.18	10.18	11.18
• Barnard Station....	6.26	7.26	8.26	9.26	10.26	11.26	12.26	1.26	2.26	3.26	4.26	5.26	6.26	7.26	8.26	9.26	10.26	11.26
• Haines' Mill.....	6.31	7.31	8.31	9.31	10.31	11.31	12.31	1.31	2.31	3.31	4.31	5.31	6.31	7.31	8.31	9.31	10.31	11.31
• Miles' Spring.....	6.34	7.34	8.34	9.34	10.34	11.34	12.34	1.34	2.34	3.34	4.34	5.34	6.34	7.34	8.34	9.34	10.34	11.34
• Unionville Junction.	6.39	7.39	8.39	9.39	10.39	11.39	12.39	1.39	2.39	3.39	4.39	5.39	6.39	7.39	8.39	9.39	10.39	11.39
• Willowdale.....	6.42	7.42	8.42	9.42	10.42	11.42	12.42	1.42	2.42	3.42	4.42	5.42	6.42	7.42	8.42	9.42	10.42	11.42
Ar. KENNETT SQ.....	6.52	7.52	8.52	9.52	10.52	11.52	12.52	1.52	2.52	3.52	4.52	5.52	6.52	7.52	8.52	9.52	10.52	11.52

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Ly. KENNETT SQ.....	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00
• Willowdale.....	7.10	8.10	9.10	10.10	11.10	12.10	1.10	2.10	3.10	4.10	5.10	6.10	7.10	8.10	9.10	10.10	11.10	12.10
• Unionville Junction....	7.14	8.14	9.14	10.14	11.14	12.14	1.14	2.14	3.14	4.14	5.14	6.14	7.14	8.14	9.14	10.14	11.14	12.14
• Miles' Spring.....	7.19	8.19	9.19	10.19	11.19	12.19	1.19	2.19	3.19	4.19	5.19	6.19	7.19	8.19	9.19	10.19	11.19	12.19
• Haines' Mill.....	7.22	8.22	9.22	10.22	11.22	12.22	1.22	2.22	3.22	4.22	5.22	6.22	7.22	8.22	9.22	10.22	11.22	12.22
• Barnard Station.....	7.25	8.25	9.25	10.25	11.25	12.25	1.25	2.25	3.25	4.25	5.25	6.25	7.25	8.25	9.25	10.25	11.25	12.25
• Lenape.....	7.33	8.33	9.33	10.33	11.33	12.33	1.33	2.33	3.33	4.33	5.33	6.33	7.33	8.33	9.33	10.33	11.33	12.33
• Scennelltown.....	7.41	8.41	9.41	10.41	11.41	12.41	1.41	2.41	3.41	4.41	5.41	6.41	7.41	8.41	9.41	10.41	11.41	12.41
Ar. WEST CHESTER.....	7.53	8.53	9.53	10.53	11.53	12.53	1.53	2.53	3.53	4.53	5.53	6.53	7.53	8.53	9.53	10.53	11.53	12.53

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NOTE—Upon completion of the concreting of the Baltimore Pike through Kennett Square on or about June 1st, 1929, connecting bus service at Kennett Square for Toughkenamon, Avondale, West Grove and Oxford will be resumed.

Postcards advertised a “beautiful scenic ride over picturesque and historic country hills and dales.”



Figure 11: "Pocopson Creek, West Chester and Kennett Trolley Road."

Trolley bridge foundation with Barnard House in background pictured below in 2024



Barnard Station Logo