

Briggs & Turivas

At this site, Briggs & Turivas rebuilt, repaired or scrapped used railroad cars and equipment.

Opened in the 1920's, many different types of railroad equipment came and went from the B&T yard.

If a car could not be repaired, many of its parts would be removed and reused. The car would then be cut up for scrap, which was shipped to steel mills for recycling.

During the steam era, old or used locomotives would often be bought as scrap. Some were rebuilt and sold to other railroads that were in need of additional locomotive power.



This 1956 view shows the yard at B&T. The two office buildings currently occupy this site. Fred Bradley photo.



The Briggs & Turivas yard is filled with rail cars and recovered parts in 1948. In the background, construction is taking place on the Parkway West. Allegheny County Department of Public Works archives photo.

In 1978, with Montour RR operations declining, Briggs & Turivas relocated to a former Pennsylvania Railroad facility in Dennison, Ohio.

This site was redeveloped into the current office complex in 1979.



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A 1941 trade advertisement for boxcars rebuilt by Briggs & Turivas. Courtesy the Waide Collection of Vintage Railroad Advertisements.

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