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The Upkeep of the Memorial and the
Proposed Visitors Center

Tax deductible donations may be made to:
Whitwell Middle School
1 Butterfly Lane Whitwell, TN 37397
with Children's Holocaust Memorial on the memo
line of your check. Please include your name and
address with your donation so that we may send
you a receipt.

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To inquire about the movie,
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DIRECTIONS:

From I24 take exit 155 onto Hwy. 28. Immediately
there is a stop light. Go through it. In
approximately 12 miles there is a second stop light.
Turn left onto Valley View Hwy. proceed about
1/4 mile. You will pass a cemetery. Within 200
feet, turn left into the entrance to Whitwell Middle
School. You will see the Children's Holocaust
Memorial Car on the left. Park in front of the school.

The redesign of the original Holocaust Project
brochure was a course project taken on by the Graphic
Design Program at Chattanooga State Technical
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student in the Graphic Design II class submitted their
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WHITWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLOCAUST PROJECT



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One Class at a Time"

CHILDRENS' HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL FACTS

- ✧ The rail car was secured by Peter Schroeder and Dagmar Schroeder Hildebrand.
- ✧ The car was paid for by donations from German citizens including the Schroeders.
- ✧ The car came from Roebel, Germany.
- ✧ The car was transported by the German Navy
- ✧ A Norwegian ship, "MS Blue Sky" was leased by the Germans to transport the car.
- ✧ CSX Rail Road Company transported the car from Baltimore to Chattanooga
- ✧ Fletcher Trucking transported the car from Chattanooga to Whitwell Middle School
- ✧ B & B Crane lifted the car from the truck onto the rails at the school.
- ✧ The rails were made in Tennessee during World War II.
- ✧ The hash marks on the side of the rails give the month in which the tracks were made.
- ✧ The flooring in the car was provided by James Glass Co.
- ✧ The work that was done to prepare the foundation for the car was done by volunteers.
- ✧ The new roof that had to be put on the car was done by volunteers in the community.
- ✧ The copper butterflies and the concrete butterflies were designed and installed by Linda Pickett, a local artist.
- ✧ The stained glass on the butterflies was applied by Jackie Lofty.
- ✧ The steel monument was designed and installed by Charles McFarland.
- ✧ The lighting for the monument was provided by Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative.

- ✧ Art Kilgore, Chris Ridge, and Kevin Higdon along with several volunteers did the work on the lighting.
- ✧ There are eleven million paper clips in the car.
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- ✧ Butterflies were chosen for two reasons:
1.) to honor the children of Terezin 2.) as a symbol of new life for the car. (No longer is it a symbol of death but now it is a symbol of new life.)
- ✧ The eighteen butterflies stand for the Hebrew chai (life).
- ✧ The suitcase on display in the car was sent from a middle school in Germany. The tags are notes of apology to Anne Frank.
- ✧ The principal of that middle school is the father of a rising young German composer who wrote a piece of music called "Whitwell Bells" especially for the dedication.
- ✧ The paperclips have come from all fifty states and all of the seven continents. In addition to the paperclips, the project has received over thirty thousand documents and letters.
- ✧ Sandra Roberts and David Smith began the project in 1998.
- ✧ The blue rock with a white dove that lies at the top of the rock covered butterfly was made by a woman in Washington, DC, who lives homeless on the streets, sells these rocks, and uses the proceeds to promote world peace.
- ✧ The Sharp & Pickett Lumber Co. family built the deck, steps, etc. with wood donated by Home Depot.
- ✧ The Roberts' family did the landscaping.
- ✧ The actual size of the wooden car is:
Length-773 meters, Height-2.40 meters, Width-3.00 meters.



Josh Durham

This rail car transported approximately 100 Jews per trip.

The Children's Holocaust Memorial consists of an authentic German rail car that was used to transport victims to concentration, labor, and death camps. The rail car houses eleven million paper clips, one for each victim of the Holocaust. A small park surrounds the car. In the park are eighteen butterflies some inlaid with stained glass and others free standing copper sculptures. There is also a monument honoring the children lost in the Holocaust. The school library houses over thirty thousand documents on CD's, a collection of Holocaust books, and art.

Facts and brief history of the rail car:

This rail car was built in 1917 and used for many purposes over the years. After being bought by a German state-owned company in the late 1970's, the car was used for intra-company transport and then abandoned. During World War II, the Third Reich used for this car to transport prisoners to camps. The car was discovered after the war in Poland, near the town of Chelmno. It was used as a grain car after World War II. The grain holes in the floor and the ventilation holes in the roof were put in after the war. This historic rail car transported 80 to 150 prisoners to the camps at a time. The rail car at Whitwell Middle School was part of the "German Reichsbahn" and is one of the very last "cattle cars" of the Nazi era. This car was located in a railroad museum in Robel, Germany. Peter Schroeder and Dagmar Schroeder Hildebrand (White House Correspondents for German newspapers) purchased the car and donated it to Whitwell Middle School. This German rail car, numbered 011-993, was also used in the European film "Stalingrad" and in the U.S. film "Enemy at the Gate."



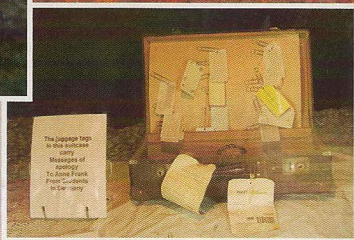
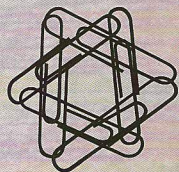
How the car made it to Whitwell:

When the Schoroeders purchased the car from the museum In Robel, they took on the daunting task of getting the car to Whitwell. After inspection by technicians of the German rail company, the car was declared "rollable" (maximum speed of 30 miles per hour). The German Armed Forces had the car sprayed and disinfected for foreign insects. The "Deutsche Bahn" had a decorative locomotive in front of the car and towed it under official designation "Special Train Holocaust Memorial." The car traveled 300 miles to the Germany port of Cuxhaven. In Cuxhaven, the German Armed Forces put the Memorial Car on the chartered Norwegian freighter "MS Blue Sky" and transported it to the US port of Baltimore. Upon arrival in the United States, the car had to be cleared through customs and the required inspections of the US Dept. of Agriculture. In Baltimore, the US rail company CSX removed the rail car from the ship and placed it on a flat be rail car. The company transported the car in this manner because of wheel gage conflicts and regulatory problems. The car traveled from Baltimore to Chattanooga, where CSX loaded it onto the flat bed truck for the final leg of the trip to Whitwell Middle School. Fletcher Trucking Company of Whitwell provided the transportation from Chattanooga to Whitwell Middle School. B&B Crane Company donated the services of an operator along with a crane capable of lifting 600,000 pounds to set the car on the tracks at the Memorial site. The car sits on tracks made in Tennessee in 1943. Members of the community beautified the area surrounding the car.

How did the project begin?

In 1998, Principal Linda Hooper wanted to begin a project that would teach the students of Whitwell Middle School about the importance of tolerating and respecting different cultures. Mrs. Hooper sent David Smith, 8th grade history teacher and assistant principal to a teacher-training course in Chattanooga.

He returned and suggested an after school course that would study the Holocaust. Eighth grade Language Arts teacher Sandra Roberts held the first session in October of 1998. As the study progressed, the sheer number of Jews exterminated by the Nazis overwhelmed the students. Six million was a number that they could not grasp.



Messages of apology to Anne Frank from students in Germany.

Brian Parks



The Collections

In one of the classes the students learned that some compassionate people in 1940's Europe stood up for the Jewish people. Through intense research the students learned that when the Nazis invaded Norway and forced the Jews to wear the yellow Star of David, many brave Norwegians expressed solidarity with their Jewish neighbors by wearing a paperclip.

A student suggested the group collect 6 million clips to represent the Jewish people exterminated in the Holocaust. The students registered their project with the National Holocaust Museum. Lena Gitter a 90 year old survivor learned of the project. Her interest led Dita Smith of the Washington Post to write about the project. People from all 7 continents responded resulting in a flood of clips and achievement of the goal. The project has received over 30,000,000 paperclips and 50,000 letters and emails from survivors, liberators, celebrities, political figures, and even deniers. In addition, interested parties have donated over 5000 artifacts including a Torah, a yellow star worn during the Holocaust, and a significant collection of Holocaust literature.

A variety of clips have arrived for the project, silver and bronze clips, colorful plastic coated clips, small and large ones, round and triangular ones, and even wooden ones. To date 30+ thousand documents and letters have also arrived. The students have filed all the letters they received in ring binders. Using the collected paper clips the students wanted to honor the victims with a Memorial.

The students, staff, and community of Whitwell Middle School have turned their project into the "Children's Holocaust Memorial". The students in Whitwell have collected over thirty million paper clips and over thirty thousand letters from all fifty states, over fifty foreign countries, and from all of the seven continents. For generations of Whitwell students, a paper clip will never again be just a paper clip. Instead, the paper clip will be a reminder of perseverance, empathy, tolerance, and understanding.

"Changing the World...

One Class at a Time"

Thank You!

Dear Visitor

The faculty, staff, community, and students of Whitwell Middle School want to thank you for visiting the Children's Holocaust Memorial.

We are honored to have you here. We hope that as you visit this memorial, you will take some time to reflect on your power to make a difference in the world.

Each person has the power to make a positive impact on the lives of others. It is our hope that you will join us in "Changing the World ... One Class at a Time.

Sincerely,

W.M.S. Holocaust Group

