

Kuilsriver gun

Durr 279 was the original signal gun on the hill known as “Vlaeberg” between Kuilsriver and Somerset West. The trunnions became worn and the gun was replaced but the old one remained on site.

On 24 May 1972 the owners of the farm “Skoonheid” donated the old gun to the Kuilsriver Municipality, its trunnions were repaired and it was mounted on a carriage in front of the Administrative Building.



By 2016 the old carriage needed replacement and I built a new one, cleaned and painted the gun and re-mounted it.



Judging by the rings and the shape the gun is a very old model, cast in Sweden probably during the mid to late 1600's. Although recorded in the Durr Record as a 6 pounder, I now believe that it is at least an 8 pounder and possibly a 12 pounder, the bore is covered. It has both Amsterdam and Middelburg proof marks on the first reinforce.

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