

Basic Detail Report



Civil War Mountain Howitzer

Date

1853

Primary Maker

Cyrus Alger & Company

Medium

bronze, copper

Description

A mountain howitzer is a gun to be used in mountainous areas due to its mobility given that it has a cannon type circular metal tube attached to a four wheel metal frame. This model weights twelve pounds and was the type used during the Civil War. On April 11, 1862, Confederate Major Trevanion Teel buried eight mountain howitzers in a corral northeast of the Old Town Plaza, near the present location of the Albuquerque Museum in order to prevent them from falling into Union hands. He kept the carriages to haul supplies. Twenty-seven years later, in front of a crowd of curious onlookers, Teel and Fort Craig's Captain Jack Crawford dug them up from under a farmer's chili patch. This howitzer is one of two in the Albuquerque Museum's collection and one of only two of the original 8 unearthed that remain in our state.

Dimensions

37 x 8 in. (94 x 20.3 cm)

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