

Verbruggen Swivel Gun

Swivel Gun provenance from C Bell
Hi John. I am very happy you were able to acquire the Verbruggen swivel gun. It is a great little cannon. I purchased the cannon from Mark McConnell at Braddock Mountain Antiques (Frederick, MD) probably about 10 years ago. I have always loved the cannon. Mark McConnell told me the cannon was found somewhere in central NY but he did not tell me the name of the former owner from who he acquired it from. I traded the cannon to Donald Tharpe who lives in Warrenton, VA. Don and I made one of the multi-item trade sales and he wanted me to include that cannon as part of the deal. I was reluctant to do this but I really wanted one of his swords . . . so we made the deal. Don put the cannon in his museum in downtown Warrenton. I did not realize the museum is closed. Too bad, Don always had great things displayed in his museum and he rotated exhibits regularly.

I hope all is going well for you and

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am glad the cannon is in a true
cannon lover's home! Best regards,
Craig