

Kirchhofs-Gate

For the medieval fortification of the city of Weilburg an der Lahn belonged this double gate system. She secured the access on the eastern side of the Taunus. The very stable outer gate stood here in today's suburb. It was built by Count Johann I (1346-1371) around 1370. It consisted of two built gates on both sides of the moat, over which a wooden drawbridge led. As building materials basalt and quarry stones were used and for the roofs Kleinweinbacher slate. The outer gate had a guardroom and in the superstructure an apartment for the gatekeeper, who at times was also a shepherd

After the cemetery was relocated to the former Wetzlarer Straße in 1505, it was called Kirchhofstor, also Wetzlarer Tor. These gates were firmly integrated into the medieval city wall for more than 340 years. With the construction of eight houses here in the Vorstadt Count Johann Ernst (1675 - 1719) in 1712 set down the double gate system.

Since there is no old representation of the east side of the city, Dieter Boger made in the year 2010 according to traditional descriptions of Wilhelm Reucker this drawing. This is how the churchyard gate looked like.

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The text is a copy of a blackboard attached to the Weilburg Vorstadt near the Landtor on the right (in the city).