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Henry Schively  
Philadelphia Circa 1832

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Dear Wayne:

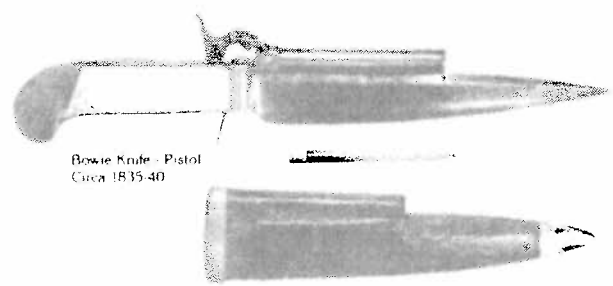
Nice to get your letter with the color pic. I must say it does look like it could be of American manufacture, but being unmarked it's always open to speculation as you well know.

It looks totally authentic from what I can see in the photograph and looks to be quite an early piece too. I would say from 1840-50 period.

Will sure want to look it over at the ABKA show & meeting this October in L'ville. It looks to be a fine, early Bowie.

Best regards,

Rick Mack



Bowie Knife - Pistol  
Circa 1835-40

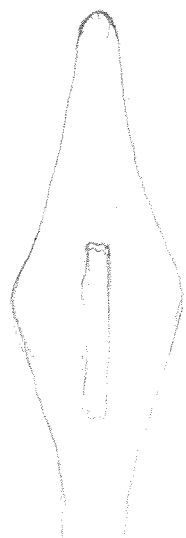
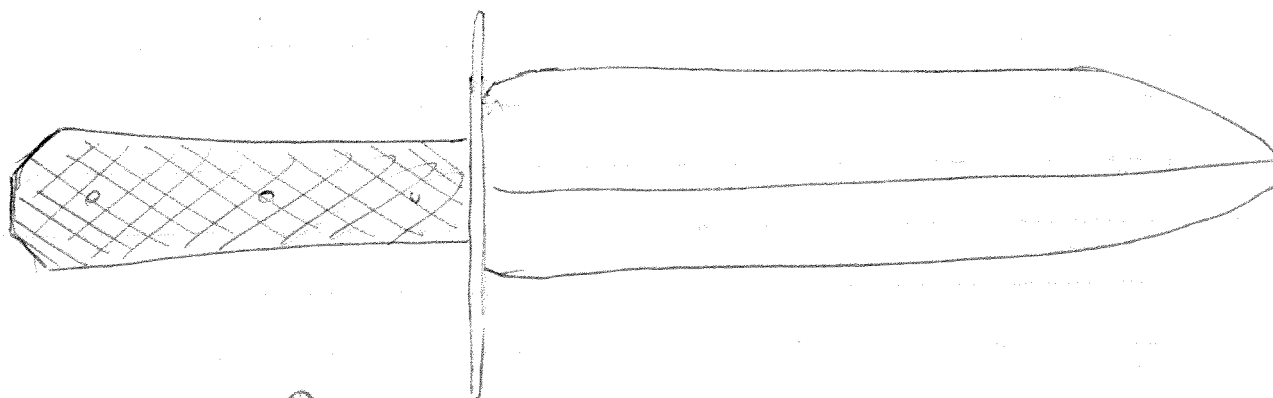
Charter and Life Member - Antique Bowie Knife Association

# 13. Coffin - Hilt Bowie

great point bowie with  $8\frac{3}{4}" \times 1\frac{1}{2}" \times \frac{5}{16}"$   
 thk. blade, well defined median ridge  
 never re-sharpened.

iron guard, diamond shaped  $3\frac{7}{8}"$  lg -  
 tapered tang  
 slab handles of rosewood pinned with  
 3 brass pins  
 1 handle  $4\frac{1}{2}"$  lg  $\times \frac{3}{4}"$  thk, checkered

From Jerry Rabbin for \$1200.00 7/21/93



per Logan Sewell 10/9/93 at  
 Louisville ABRA Show. Not a  
 Dufile but could be a "Schively"

Jim Alexander wants to buy!

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248 Mark.

106 like it!

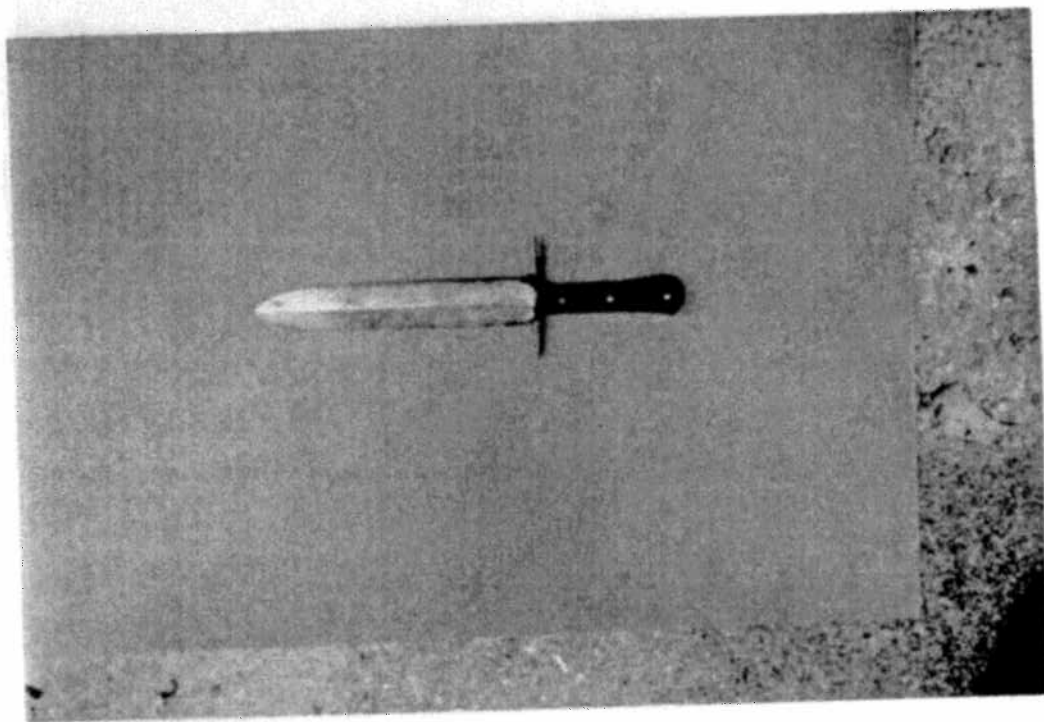
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Mad

#62

P4 gent side

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$8\frac{3}{4}$ " blade,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  OA

$\approx \frac{5}{16}$  thick near guard at median ridge

tapered, full tang

rosewood, checkered w/brass pins

hi Rick <> Did you own this knife? Do you remember the marking and where it is marked? <> Bill

Well I can't find all the pics I thought I had, but here is one that should be pretty revealing. I'm not quite sure where I got this -- this is a merged image I made from two photos of the knife, one of the blade and one of the handle (why the owner did this, I have no idea.) Anyway the maker was John Frieze of Baltimore and I think I've seen a couple like this. I feel like there is also a similar Samuel Jackson, but I can't find a photo of it.

I'm quite sure this knife is marked on the blade side of the guard. Frieze was a surgical instrument maker like Jackson, I don't remember the exact wording of his stamp but it's a small, professional one piece stamp (something like Frieze/Balto).

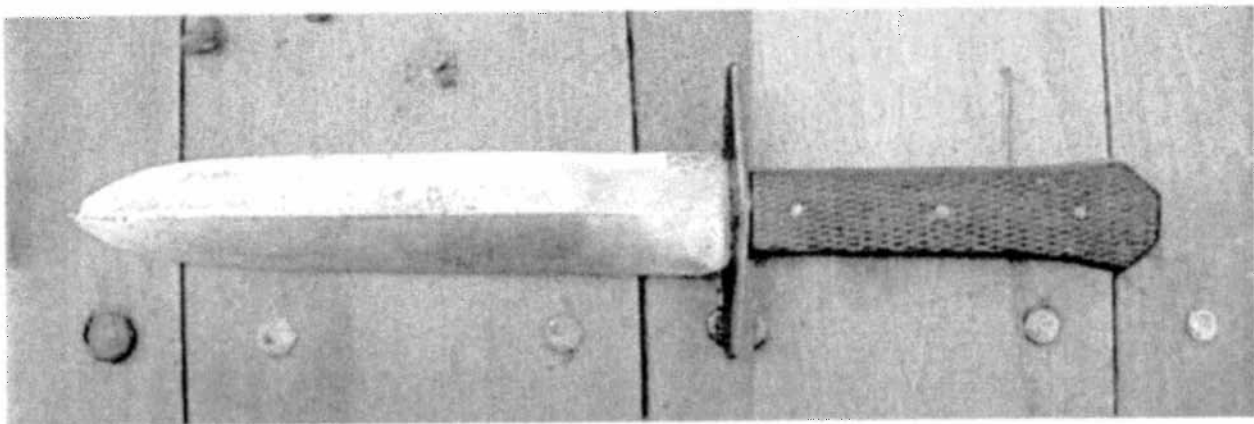
I think that Rick Mack owned one of these several years ago, in fact this may well be the same knife.

Hope this helps--

Mark

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Coffin-Hilt Bowie Knife by J. Friese, Baltimore

Early, American-made Bowie knife made

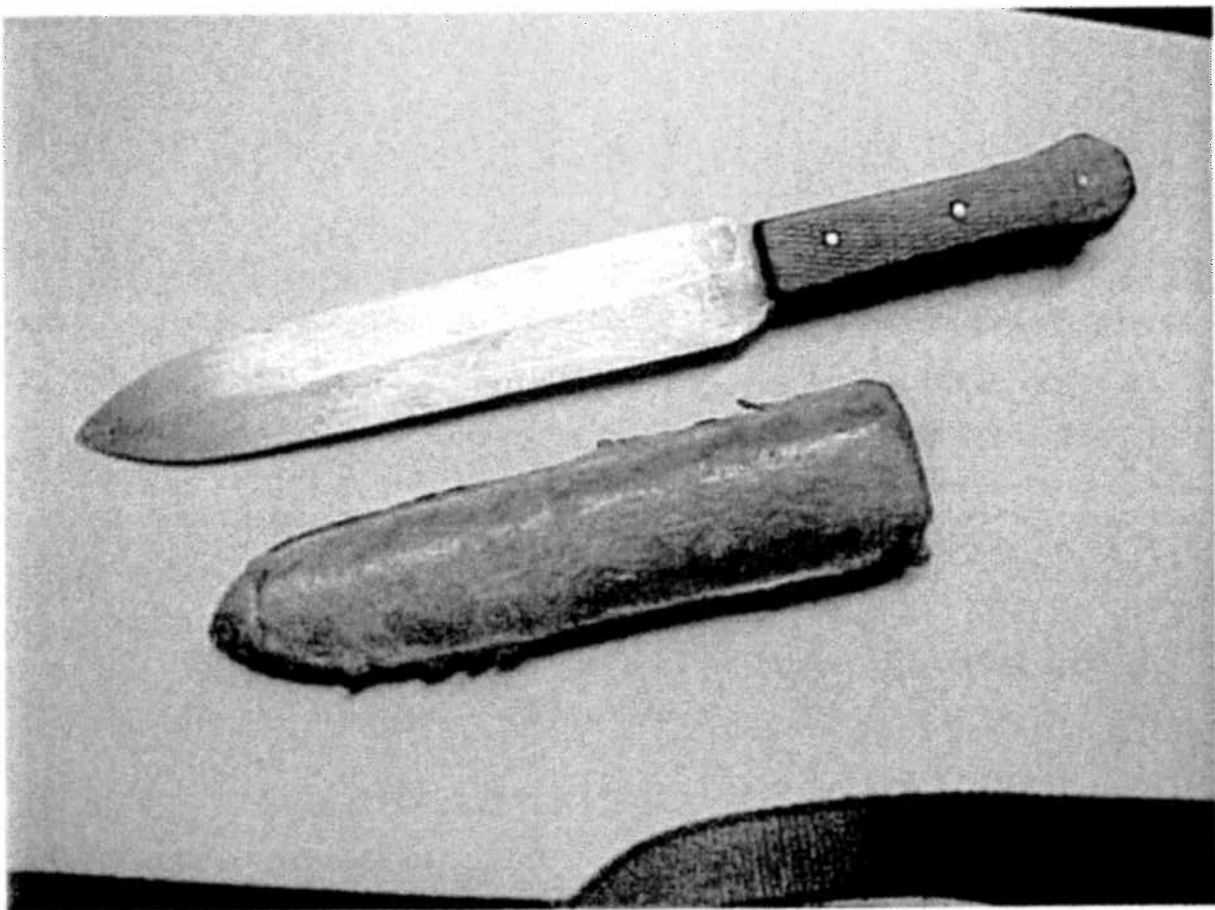
by John Friese, of Baltimore. Friese was  
a surgical instrument maker in the 1830's.

He is listed in that profession in an 1835 Business  
Directory, located on North Franklin St. Knife is

unsigned but identical to ~~700~~ ~~Q-700~~ a known,  
signed knife, and attributed to Friese. Very high  
quality double edge spear point blade,  
and checkered, rosewood handles. Non guard.  
Coffin-hilt Bowie knife.

Blade is smooth, and gray with no pitting,  $8\frac{5}{8}$ " long by  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Knife O.A. is  $13\frac{1}{4}$ ".

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*Director for 1835.*

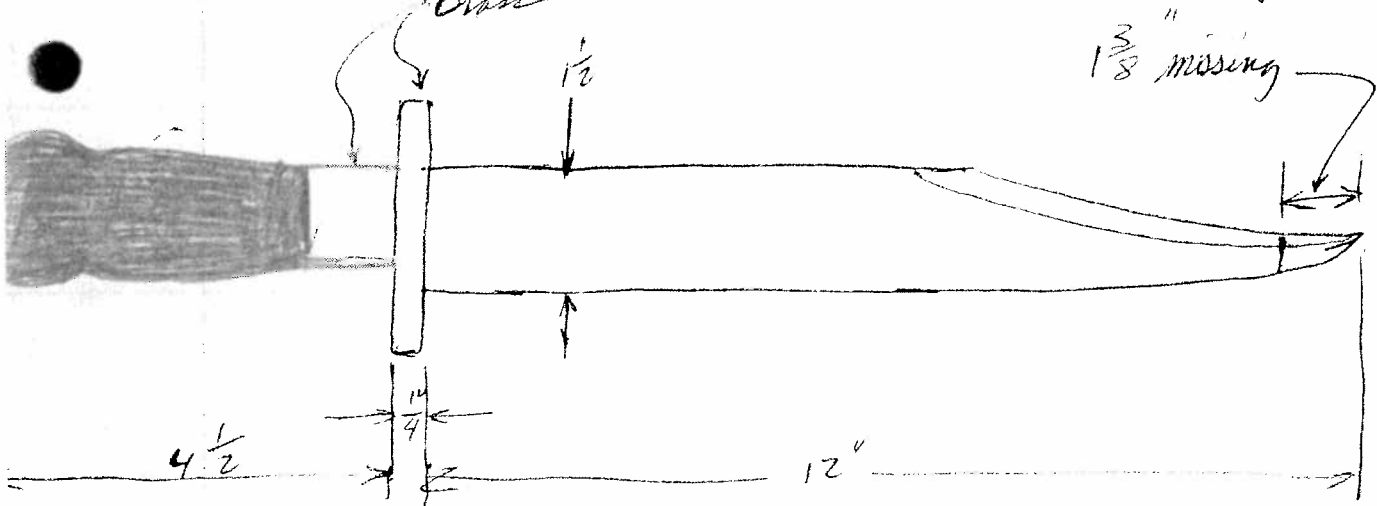
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Freyer E. S. carver & gilder, 2 n Gay street  
Freyer Henry, lime mt. 49 n Gay st, dw Forest st near Hillen  
Frick mrs. 10 n Gay street  
Frick William, attorney at law, cor Courtland & Saratoga sts  
Frick Dr. 10 n Gay street  
Fridge Alexander, 8 s Charles St  
†Frie William, brickmaker, Pratt street road  
Friedenwaid James, second hand clothing store, 22 Bond st  
Fries Philip R. J. Baltimore window glass manufacturer, 3  
Lorman Row, Hanover st. dw 65 Hanover street  
Friends' Meeting house, nw cor Courtland and Saratoga sts  
Friends' Meeting house, Lombard street near Eutaw  
Friends' Meeting house, se cor Pitt and Aisquith street  
Friendship Fire Company house, 14 n Frederick street  
Frier Andrew, boot and shoemaker, 47 Wagon alley  
Fries John, surgical instrument maker, \* Liberty st. dw Mer-  
cer st near Light  
Frietchler William, cabinet maker, Franklin st e of Paca  
Fringer mrs Esther, Penn avenue extended  
Frisbey Patrick, ostler, Mulberry st near Eutaw  
Frisby capt William, 31 Fleet street  
†Frisby Robert, caulker, Fleet st e of Caroline  
†Frisby Edithe, white washer, 30 n Frederick street  
†Frisby Perry woodsawyer, 30 n Frederick street  
Frith Jonas, coachmaker, St Paul's st 3d door from Centre st  
Fritz Henry, seaman, 20 Alice Anna street  
Frocher Charles, merchant, 65 Fayette street  
From Nimrod, cabinet maker, 1 Block street  
Froxy Abraham, carpenter, Mulberry st e of Pine  
Fruit George, seaman, Harford road ne side  
Fruit mrs Eleanor, 183 Bond street  
Fry Gotleip, Water st near Albemarle  
Fry Philip, tavern keeper, 26 Lancaster st e of Bond  
Fry mrs Eleanor, 183 Bond street  
Fulerton George, drayman, Preston st w of Ross  
Fuller Philip, wheelwright, Eager alley near Saratoga st  
Fuller Horace, grocer, Wolf st s of Fleet  
†Fuller Thomas, labourer, Centre st near Charles  
Fullerton Peter, carter, Saratoga st e of Cove  
Fulton Coffee house, 2 Grant street  
Fulton Dr. Robt. Sharp st w side betw German and Lombard  
Fulton Thomas, grocer, 149 French st  
Furlong James, druggist, 95 Bond street  
Furlong Thomas, Pine street s of George  
Furlong mrs Elizabeth, Saratoga st w of Pine  
Furlong John, druggist, Ensor st sw of Monument  
Furney Mary, Peirce street w of Pearl  
Furniss Eli, plasterer, Hillen street e of Front  
Fusselbaugh Wm. oil, paint, & glass merchant, St Gay st e. t.  
Fussell Jacob, smith and stove dealer, Pratt st near the bridge  
n side, dw Water st betw High and Exeter sts

65 Super wicked looking clip pt side knife  
 from Jim Alexander, 11/92. #300 in this knife.  
 Initials SB in script engraved on  
 brass guard. This appears to be a  
 contract piece.

Tip repaired by welding.

Note: See pg 123 of Johnston's ACCOUNTREMENTS for identical Knife



bought for 1000 tl for #64 + 65 11/92