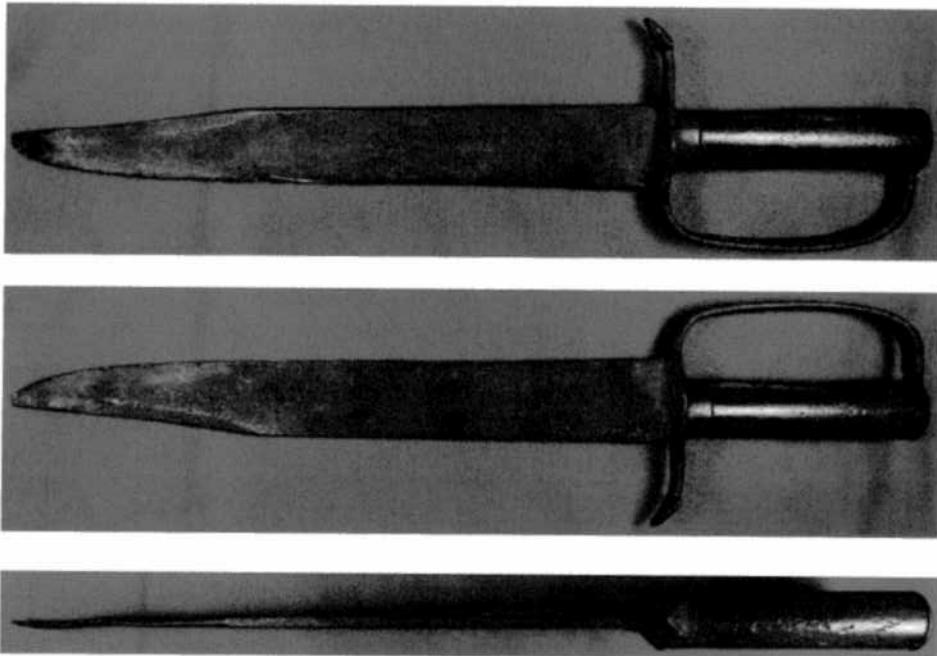


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**STATEMENT OF PROVENANCE,
CONFEDERATE D-GUARD BOWIE KNIFE.**

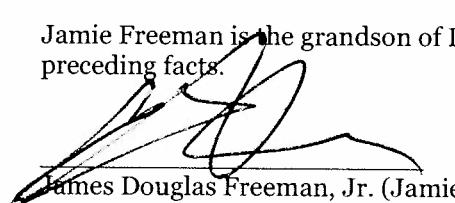
Description:

The Subject is a typical D-Guard Bowie knife, without scabbard. By general acceptance, such knives were manufactured in the Southern states, and were somewhat stereotypically used by Confederate soldiers in the Civil War. These knives were typically made by local blacksmiths, manufactories, or arsenals from available iron stock, often from files or other tools. This knife measures 17 3/8 inches in length overall with a blade length of 12 3/8 inches. Its clip-pointed blade is 1 5/8 inches at its widest point. It has an untouched, dark patina, and visually it is well-documented in the three photographs shown above.

Provenance:

This knife was known to have been the property of historian and author Douglas Southall Freeman (1886-1953), who won Pulitzer Prizes for his four volume biography of Robert E. Lee and his seven volume biography of George Washington. He was also the author of the three volume classic command study of the Army of Northern Virginia, Lee's Lieutenants.

Jamie Freeman is the grandson of Douglas Southall Freeman, and he certifies to the truth of the preceding facts.



James Douglas Freeman, Jr. (Jamie)

7-23-14

Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of July, 2014.

