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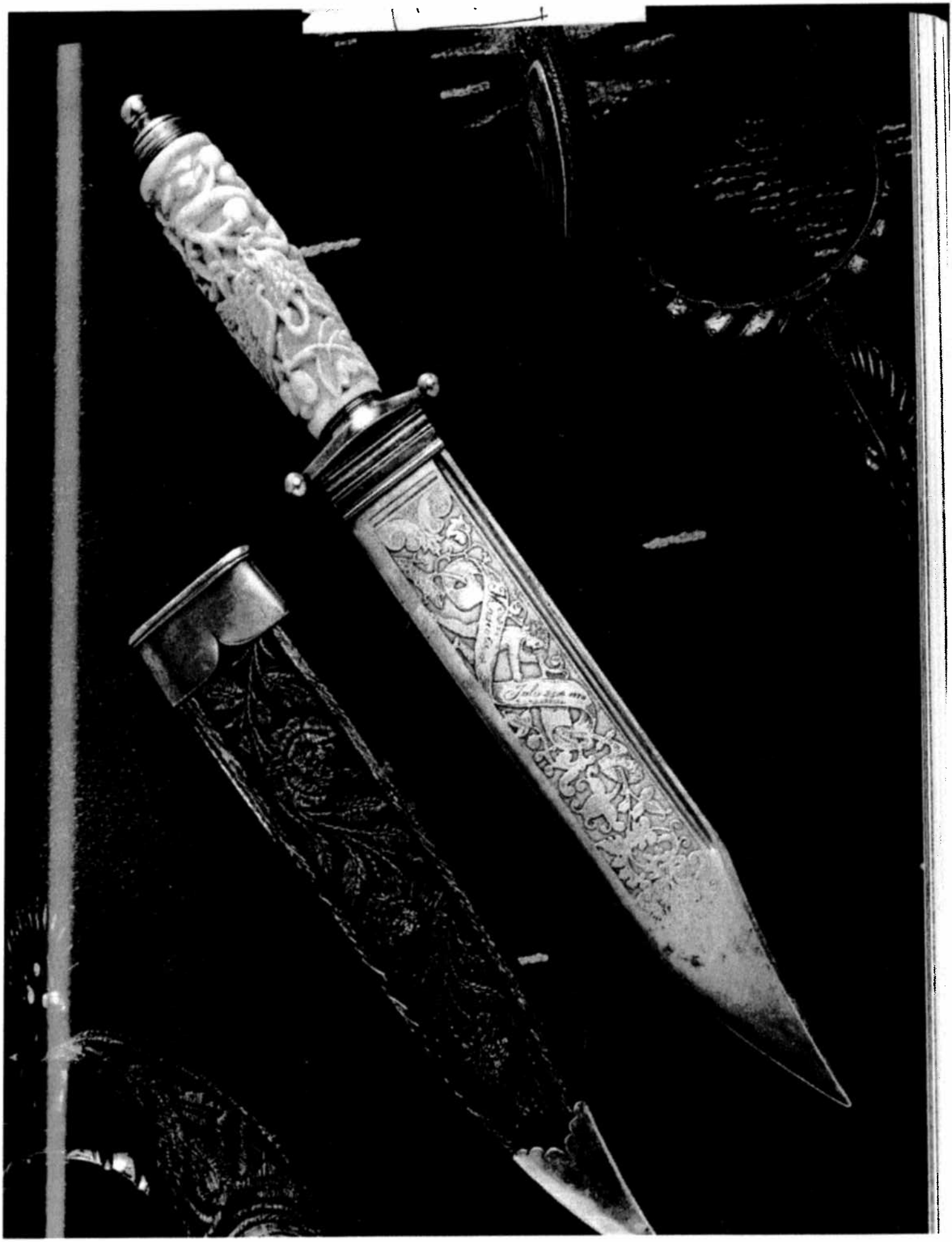
Unmarked Mexican Bowie Knife

Circa 1870

The 9 5/16 inch clip point blade with 3½ inch sharpened false edge and 5½ inch fill on both sides. Ricasso filed to baluster section. Blade etched with floral panels; one side with riband inscribed *Vincente Uribe*, the reverse with riband inscribed *July 25, 1870*. Silver crossguard with ball finials. Silver ferrule and pommel cap. Bone grip of round section carved in deep relief with leafy branches and Mexican eagle and snake. Leather sheath embroidered in silver thread with flowering branches. Silver throat and tip.

Length overall 14 1/8 inches.

Condition: Excellent. Blade slightly tipped. Minor losses to sheath decoration.

Estimate 3,000/5,000

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