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Large Bowie Knife by G. Wostenholm

Sheffield, Circa 1850

The 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch clip point blade with 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch sharpened false edge. Blade flat stamped *None Are Genuine But Those/Marked LXL/ (American eagle)/LXL/The Real LXL. Knife (in banner)/The Hunters Companion*. Scroll etched ricasso stamped *G. Wostenholm & Sons Celebrated* and with *California Knife* in large block lettering. Cast one piece German silver hilt with 'S' shaped crossguard, pins and escutcheon. Sheath gold embossed *LXL*. German silver throat and tip.

Length overall 18 $\frac{7}{16}$ inches.

Condition: Knife is near mint. Scabbard with some losses to veneer and with throat button missing.

Note: Illustrated as figure 57 of Classic Bowie Knives, 1967, Robert Abels.

Estimate 15,000/20,000

Catalog description when sold
for Robert Berryman collection, 1992



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Bowie Knife by Wostenholm, Sheffield

Circa 1850

11 7/16 inch clip point blade marked G.
*Wostenholm & Son Washington Works. LXL
The Real IXL Knife, The Hunters'
Companion, None are genuine, but those
marked IXL and etched G. Wostenholm and
Son celebrated California Knife.* The ricasso
stamped with Gen. Taylor on horseback.
German silver and mother-of-pearl hilt set
with an escutcheon plate with original
German silver mounted scabbard. 17 inches
overall.

*Condition: Excellent with good markings on
blade. Frog stud missing.*

Note: Pictured on page 36 of *Classic Bowie
Knives* by Robert Abels, fig. 46 of *Bowie
Knives*, Ohio Historical Society.

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Estimate 5,000/7,000



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