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Unmarked American Bowie Knife

Circa 1838

The 8 inch clip point blade with 4¼ inch sharpened false edge. One side etched with the legend *Guards of Natchitoches* and the reverse *They Yield to None*. Select rosewood grip with German silver escutcheon and two piece shell form pommel. German silver crossguard with ball finials. Leather sheath with German silver tip and throat, the latter with steel button. Old label on sheath inscribed *Bowie Knife presented by Horace Conant, 1838*.

Length overall 13¼ inches.

Condition: Excellent to mint. Scabbard scuffed.

Note: Illustrated on page 12 of *Knife Digest*, 1974. Although this knife is well known to collectors, further research is needed about the *Guards of Natchitoches* (Louisiana) and the presentation noted on the label.

Estimate 8,000/10,000

