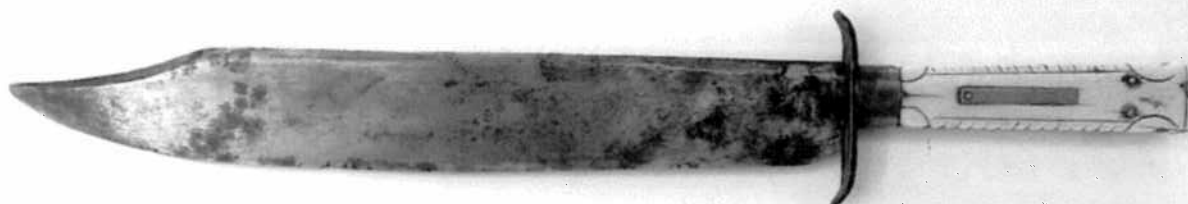


BACK-CUTS

I heard indirectly from a few folks that don't care to see photos of members receiving awards at shows, but would rather see the winning knives. I completely agree. In fact, I'd much prefer to show each winner holding his winning knife. The problem is a logistical one: at shows like Natchez, the winners are determined AFTER the show is over and the displays are taken down. The awards are presented at the banquet later, after everyone is packed. If somebody can show me how to shoot the winning knives with the owners prior to closing, without spoiling the surprise of winning, I'd love to hear from you.

FOLLOW-UP



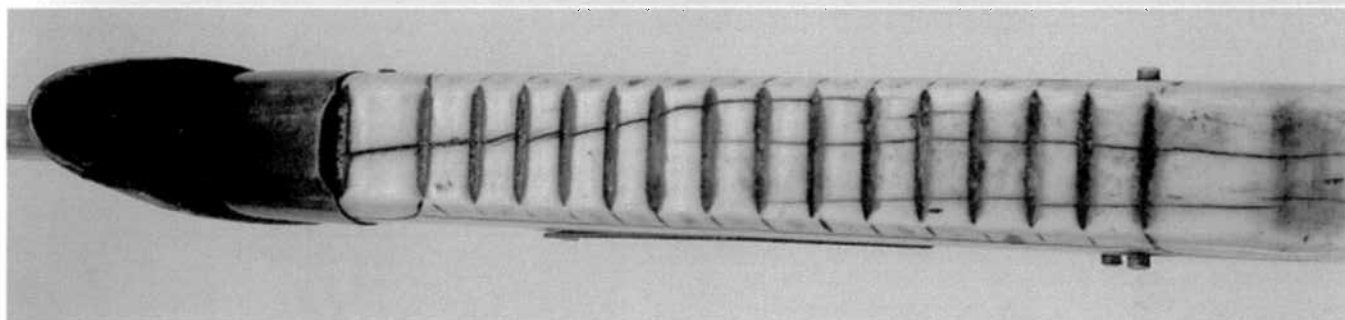
Former president, Wayne McNeese, sends this follow-up on the Alfred Hunter Bowie re-bladed by Samuel Jackson from a couple issues back.

Hi, Josh:

I'm responding to your request for pertinent information on a "similar" Bowie to Bill Myers' Hunter/Jackson Bowie. In my collection, I have a large Bowie knife collected in Radford, Virginia about 10 years ago from an auction. The handle is a carved ivory, Hunter handle with a missing silver pommel plate. It has been re-bladed with a large, 11 1/2" X 1 5/8", flat-ground, clip-point blade. The choil/ricasso area is simple and unlike a Hunter. Unfortunately the blade is unsigned. It appears to be a period replacement. If so, the craftsman must not have had all the parts because he fashioned and used an iron guard, and a plain brass ferrule.

Probably the period leather scabbard was made when the blade was replaced. The scabbard's tip is tin, the throat is brass and the frog button is iron. The scabbard is unlike a Hunter but is a very fine Southern or Confederate style scabbard which fits it like a glove.

The handle carving pattern is the earlier of the five or six Hunter patterns, like that on both the J.M. Daughters Bowie and the W.S. Patterson Bowie.



Editor's Note: It seems likely that ivory handles like those featured on these two knives were too attractive and sought after to discard, and recycling may have been common.