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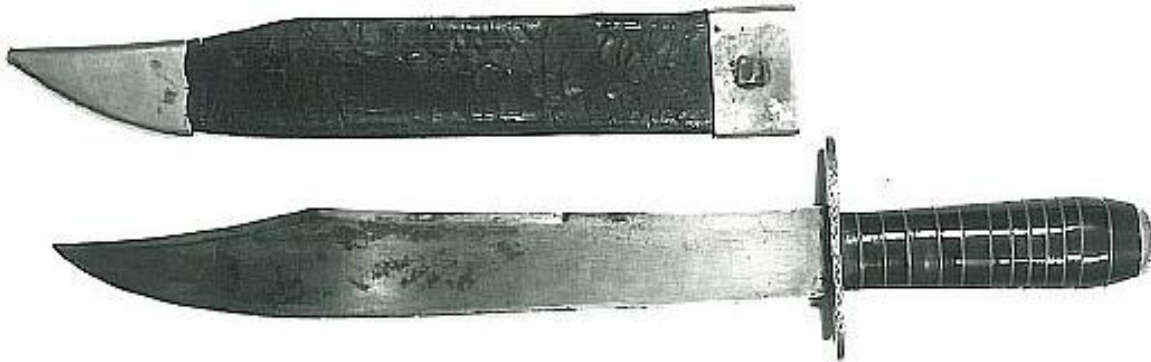
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Bowie Knife Presentation Ceremony

Join us on Monday, September 10th at 10am as we will be placing the Rezin P. Bowie knife on public display.

In addition, a master knifemaker has handmade a replica for educational purposes and is flying into Waco to present it. He will later produce a limited run of handmade copies for a Bicentennial fundraiser.



The Knife

The knife is a large 17" 1830s-40s style Bowie with an engraved scabbard. The handle is believed to be made of buffalo horn segments.

The knife exhibits Texas and Louisiana characteristics—a blade shape called a “Texas Clip” and a scabbard showing design elements characteristic of Louisiana. The scabbard of the knife has a reinforcement called a mount or locket at the throat which is engraved “R.P. Bowie to Capt. Wm Y. Lacey”.

The People

Rezin Pleasant Bowie (1793-1841), brother of Alamo fighter James "Jim" Bowie, was a Louisiana planter, land speculator and slave smuggler. Rezin presented knives to a number of acquaintances.

William Young Lacy (also Lacey) (1814-1892) was born in Kentucky. He came to Texas in 1830 and was commissioned into the Corps of Rangers from May of 1836 to December of 1837.