

Basic Detail Report



1981.00135.01a-b

Title

Eagle and Serpent Bowie Knife and Sheath

Date

1974

Primary Maker

Michael T. Nicholson

Medium

Metal (steel, bronze, silver), Ivory, Leather, Stone (garnet,

lapis lazuli)

Description

A handmade tempered steel bowie knife with an American eagle and rattlesnake motif etched into the spine. The ricasso bears the maker's mark "M. Nicholson." The guard depicts a double-headed rattlesnake made of bronze and silver with garnets and lapis lazuli accents. The ivory handle ends with a gold and silver eagle's head with a stone eye. The Leather sheath is tooled with a floral pattern on one side, an outdoor winter scene with deer on the other, and the message "Happiness To Ronald and Nancy, From Sam - Buzz - Bert Sisco 12-25-1981" written on the top left corner.

Dimensions

.01a: 7/8 × 16 in. (7/8 × 16 in.) .01b: 3 3/4 × 7/8 × 17 1/8 in. (3 3/4 × 7/8 × 17 1/8 in.)

Historical Note

On display at Rancho del Cielo.

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