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James Black was born in a village in the state of New Jersey May 1, 1800. His mother having died when he was quite young, his father married a woman with whom James could not agree. At the early age of eight years he ran away from home and went to Philadelphia, where he was apprenticed to a manufacturer of silver plated ware named Henderson, an act subsequently approved by James' father. At the time of being apprenticed James did not know his age, and judging from his size he was placed in the indenture at eleven years. Some years afterward, upon a visit to his old home after his father's death, he discovered his true age in the family Bible, but did not disclose the fact to his master. Consequently his apprenticeship expired in 1819, when he was only eighteen instead of twenty-one years old. * * *

On returning to Washington he opened a blacksmith shop and soon had all the work he could do. At that time Washington was a frontier settlement, and nearly all the men went armed, the weapon most relied upon being the knife. All kinds of characters went there, the most desperate of desperadoes as well as men of gentle mold, but all understood that each man must look out for himself. Finding the demand for the knives being so great, Black applied himself largely to manufacturing them, and especially to tempering the steel of which they were made. It soon became known that his knives were the best that could be obtained, and his reputation spread far and wide. The shape of the knife was according to the taste of the person ordering it, it being the custom for each man to furnish the pattern, made of wood or pasteboard, of the exact size and shape of the knife wanted. Black's experience as a silver plater during his apprenticeship enabled him to plate his knives, either with silver or gold, when required by the purchaser, which gave them an additional charm and a higher price. It was his rule, after tempering and shaping a knife and before polishing it, to cut very hard wood with it, generally an old hickory ax handle which had been used for a long time and had become quite tough and hard. This he would do for a half hour, and then if the knife would not easily shave the hair from his arm he would throw it away. His knives ranged in price from $5 to $50 each, the price varying according to the quantity of gold or silver used in plating, the five dollar knife having no plating at all; but the temper of each was the same, each being submitted to the severe test above mentioned.

About 1833 or 1834, perhaps a little earlier, James Bowie went to Washington and gave Black an order for a knife, furnishing a pattern and desiring it to be made within the following sixty or ninety days, when he would call for it. Black made the knife according to Bowie's pattern. He knew Bowie well and had a high estimation of him as a man of good taste as well as unflinching courage. He had never made a knife which suited his own taste in point of shape and concluded this to be a good opportunity to do so. Consequently after completing the knife ordered by Bowie he made another and when Bowie returned showed them both to him and explained the difference between them, at the same time giving him his choice at the same price. Bowie promptly selected Black's pattern. Shortly after this Bowie became involved in a difficulty with three desperadoes, who assaulted him with knives. He killed them all with the knife Black had made. After this when any one ordered a knife from Black, instead of furnishing a pattern as formerly, he would order it to be made like Bowie's, which was finally shortened into "make me a bowie knife." Thus this famous weapon acquired its name. Bowie himself was not a mechanic of any kind. He was killed in the Alamo with Davy Crockett, surrounded by dead Mexicans, whom he had killed with that same knife.

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