

# A. G. Russell KNIVES™

Glossary: F

## False Edge

A sharpened area on the back of the point of some large knives.

## Ferrara, Andrea

A maker of extremely fine sword blades from the middle of the 16th Century his work was so celebrated that he was counterfeited in his own time and after. Many of his blades and copies were used in the basket hilted broadswords of Scotland.

## Fiber Glass (in plastic handles)

Many of today's thermoplastic materials are improved by adding chopped glass fibers often as much as 40% of a product may be glass. Adds great strength.

## Flat Ground

The surface of the blade is flat from or near the back of the blade to the beginning of the sharpening bevel. Most production pocket knives are flat ground; most handmade hunting knives are hollow ground.

## Full Length Tang

A tang that runs through the hilt, handle and pommel.

## Full Tang

A tang which shows all around the handle of the knife between two pieces of handle material.

## Fuller

A groove that lightens and stiffens the blade. Also known as a blood groove, though the term is inaccurate.

The correct term is "Black Lip Mother of Pearl". This is very rare and probably the most expensive of all mother of pearls.

## **BlackJack Knives®**

At one time, probably the largest of all specialty knife makers and the only one that specialized in fixed blade knives rather than folders. Began like the others with knives imported from Japan but built a large factory in Illinois and produced all their knives in the US. BlackJack went out of business in 1997.

## **Bladesmith**

One who forges a blade to shape.

## **Blood Groove**

I hate to tell you this, because this term really sells knives, there is no such thing as a blood groove and there is no sucking action that will hang up a knife in a victims body. The term is "Fuller"; this is a groove that lightens and stiffens the blade.



## **Bolo**

The word is Spanish but has come to mean a large jungle knife used in the Philippines.

## **Bolsters**

The metal material at the blade end of knife handle; today these are usually of nickel silver or a mild stainless steel. In older less expensive knives they were often made of iron or mild steel.

## **Bowie Blade**

There is no single historical shape, but today it is thought to be a blade shaped very much like the Buck 110 blade.

## **Bowie Knife**

A large knife with a blade that might range from 6 to 14 inches; the original had a blade that was probably 9 inches long with a sturdy guard projecting from both the top and bottom of the knife between blade and handle. Invented by Rezin Bowie and made famous by his brother James, who died at the Alamo.

## **Bowie, James**

The man who made the Bowie knife famous, The knife was actually designed by his brother Rezin.