

## **Translation of Jim Bowie's Citizenship Documents**

The governor of the State of Coahuila and Texas and to all of its inhabitants, let it be known that the said Congress has declared the following:

Decree No. 159. The constitutional congress of the independent and free sovereign state of Coahuila and Texas graciously decrees the following:

The foreigner James Bowie is granted citizenship papers subject to the verification of the establishment of a cotton and wool weaving operation which he offers to put in the state.

It will be understood by the governor of the State for punctual publication and circulation. Given in the city of Leona-Vicario on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September of 1830. Ramon Garcia Rojas, Vice President. Mariano Garcia, Deputy Secretary. Vicente Valdez, Deputy Supplemental Secretary. Hereby place the seal, do publish, circulate and provide proper punctuality.

To the Mayor of Santa Rosa

(Signed)Rafael Eca y Muzquiz

(co-signed) Santiago del Valle, Secretary

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